

City of Dover Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes February 2, 2023

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dover City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Dave Iseminger in City Hall as posted.

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Chelsie Kiekbusch, Kevin Connor, and Eric Tyler. Absent- None, Staff in attendance were Gary Pedersen, Clerk/Treasurer & City Engineer Mark Welch. Others in attendance: Lance Kreckow and Garrett and Maria Griffen.

Motion by Member Connor and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to approve the agenda as presented, the motion carried.

Mayor Iseminger opened a public hearing as scheduled for the possible special assessment for the proposed street project on Main Street North and South.

City Engineer provided information and answered questions from the public in attendance on the proposed street project including the proposed special assessments for property owners along the two street areas.

1. Main street north between Center Street East and Eyota Street/County Road 142.
2. Main street south between Eyota Street East/County Road 142 and South Street East.

Mr. Kreckow wanted to know if he could get access to his property off the street for parking a car on his property- the engineer will look at the situation and make a recommendation to the Council.

Comment- the city is planning on replacing all the water shut-offs along with the proposed project.

Rex and Marie Herman provided the Council with a letter against a special assessment for the project.

The public hearing was closed with no other questions or comments being offered.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by member Putzier to adopt by resolution the **proposed special assessment (attached to this document as addendum "A")** for street project along Main Street South and North in the City of Dover, resolution adopted with all Council Members in favor of the motion.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by member Connor to approve a charge of \$40 per linear foot along the project area as the special assessment charge, the motion carried.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by Member Putzier to have 10 years as payment schedule for the special assessment, motion carried.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by member Putzier to charge 5.5 percent interest on the special assessments, the motion carried.

Note- the bid openings for the entire proposed project will be at City Hall on March 1st at 2 PM.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by Mayor Iseminger to approve the pay equity table that the Clerk presented to the Council, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Tyler to approve the January meeting minutes as presented, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Connor to approve the financial statements and pay the bills for the last month as presented on the list to the council members, the motion carried.

Motion by member Tyler and seconded by member Connor to approve the agreement with Donald Millard for the use of the "brush dump" for 2023 at \$500 for the year, the motion carried.

Clerk Report-

- Comments from City Resident this past month were brought forward.
- Computer issues were resolved this past month and covered in detail.
- Deputy Clerk filled in one week this past month and went very well.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ambulance discussion-

The Eyota Ambulance billed the City of Dover this past month for about \$5,000 for each of the next two years- with that the Clerk contacted both the St. Charles service and Eyota to find out more details:

Per phone call with Matt, who is head of the Lewiston Ambulance Service which now covers St. Charles-

- Mid-way 2021 Olmsted/Rochester Dispatch no longer called St. Charles for any call in Olmsted County. The reason was the service was not always staffed therefor undependable.
- Oct 2022 Lewiston took over St. Charles service so it could run under Matt's licensure-
- St. Charles now only runs on some time schedules on weekends- example this weekends the St. Charles would staff from 6 AM to noon on Saturday only- therefore Lewiston does the rest.
- Not known if St Charles will ever get back their licensed to run a service.
- Since the 2021 decision all ambulance calls for Dover now have Eyota paged- (the Council was unaware of this statis).
- Lewiston currently charges \$10 per capita for its service to local governments- (Dover population- 792)

Per phone call with Vicki Arndt of Eyota Ambulance Service:

- Acknowledged that Eyota Service has been running for entire Olmsted County since the mid 2021- she said the "state" asked them not to let the local officials know so the public would not panic about the service change.
- She said the amount billed for the city is for west of county 10 (there territory as history has known).
- We are still in the dark as to what the state sees as ambulance boundary lines are or if they have been changed.
- Fact from County- 58 addresses are west County Road 10 and 270 addresses east of County 10.
- Council- if Eyota charges \$5,000 for 58 addresses = \$86 per house; that would equal over \$28,000 for the entire city.

More discussion will be held at next month's meeting.

None

Council Members:

Member Kiekbusch -Quote from one company for a playground set up was a little over \$200,000.

Mayor Iseminger: Would like to move ahead with an ordinance for garbage removal services and possibly reducing to one contractor for the city- appointed members Connor and Putzier to a committee to pursue the idea and bring back more information for the Council to examine.

Mayor talked about attending his first ROCOG (county transportation committee) meeting.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to pay Dover's ROCOG member \$50 per meeting and no mileage, the motion carried.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Kiekbusch to adjourn at 8:50 PM, the motion carried.

Gary Pedersen, Clerk-Treasurer-