

MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 2015

July 2, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Jaime Putzier, Matt Elder, Melinda Kieffer, Dave Iseminger, Marvin Ihrke, Jerry Dyba, Crystal Merchlewitz, Donald Wilson, Scott Prah from Viking Electric, Nick Grode, Jamye Wilson, Steve and Sandi LaBare and Sam Rucinski.

The guests will be heard from first.

Crystal Merchlewitz is here to discuss a dog bite that she received this last Saturday. She presented pictures of two dogs running to her yard and the bite that she received. The dogs involved were a Terrier, which is the one that bit her and a Pit Bull which charged at her. Her daughter was bit 14 months ago by another dog owned by the same owner. This dog was euthanized. Crystal stated that she kept coming back to the council for 8 months because there has been 17 running at large calls to the Olmsted County Sheriffs Office. She is requesting that we do something different with our dog ordinance. She presented us with a copy of Eyota's Dog Ordinance. The Council stated that they will review this and discuss it. Matt Elder stated that the City of Dover follows the State Statues for these matters. We did everything as per Statue on the previous bite and will follow the same procedures for this incident. The City will start the paperwork regarding this recent complaint. We, as the City cannot control people and their

dogs. We would welcome any suggestions for the ordinance. Matt Elder states that we sympathize with Crystal and these legitimate complaints.

Mayor Ihrke stated that the owner of the dogs stated to him that they are going to McCloud County. We still need to follow procedures. The City is waiting to receive the police report.

Crystal exits the meeting.

Jerry Dyba is a volunteer for Mayo Clinic. He collects and donates books, crayons and coloring books, etc. to the pediatrics ward. He would like to start a book drive, for use up to high school age. His goal is to receive 2,000 books by the end of August. He will put this information out on the Dover Website and the Soap Shop will be the recipients of the books. The Council feels that this is a great idea.

Scott Prah with Viking Electric is here to discuss solar panels for the Water Tower and also for electricity to be sold back to the Power Company. Councilman Matt Elder feels that this is a good starting point. The Water Tower bill is the cost of the meter and just the light bulbs. We could sell back Power for the street light usage and the well house (3 phase power). There may be an issue with the Water Tower because there is no 3 phase and a different Power Company, Peoples Coop, will be purchasing the regular company known as Alliant Energy.

Mr. Prah did state that Viking Electric does a lot of work with Municipalities and Cooperatives. There would be a 25

year warranty on this system. Scott's warranty is for 5 years, and starts the day it turns power. The parts are close and available in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The system is 48 volts, battery ready. The Panels are 410 watt panels, with aluminum backing. They are self cleaning. The average system costs: 3 & 3 ¼ or smaller is \$415,000.00. The 40 water system is \$130,000.00 to #135,000.00 before tax credits – this 30% will be gone December 31, 2016. He noted that there are grants out there. The benefit to the City of Dover would be a 7 to 10 year payback. The price per customer could possibly be 7.2 cents per kilowatt with this system. Mr. Prahl stated that he would help us get the information. We need to add up our electric bills and contact Scott. He stated that they have been selling more of the Duo Systems.

Mr. Prahl exits.

The Agenda was presented for approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Jaime Putzier.

All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes from June were presented for approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer.

Bills for July were presented for approval, motion was made by Dave Iseminger to approve, seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Ihrke stated to the council that on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 all the fire hydrants in town will be flushed.

Matt Elder stated that the waterway problem will be looked at.

Jaime Putzier told the council that the Summer Recreation Program is going well this year. Melinda Kieffer is doing other jobs for the program. Discussion on the valley fair trip, the bus for the transportation there would be at a cost of \$725.00. Any member of the program that has attended 10 or more activities will a free ticket, non members will have a cost. The volleyball court at the park needs sand. The council decided that this will wait until next year.

Marvin Ihrke presented more information on water meters. He has talked to 2 companies and the prices are the same. The Composite Meters are 10% cheaper than the Brass. \$64,750.00 which would be 250 at \$120.00 each. \$300.00 set up price for each. \$75,000.00 total. We would possibly consider doing sections of town at a time, 20 meters at a time. There is a 20 year warranty. The meters placed on Mobile Homes should be insulated. Plumbers will put them in on new constructions. A salesman is requested to attend a meeting.

Bids for street repairs:

1) M & M - \$285.00/sq foot

2) Rochester Service - \$310.00/sq foot

M & M would be the lower bid at a total of \$41,000.00. \$5,140.00 of that would be for crack coat, and \$35,765.00 would include various other spots in town. They stated that they would come to do this week the 1st part of August. A motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Old Business: Discussion on our accounts with Bremer Bank. The council stated that they would like to stay with this bank but keep \$20,000.00 in the checking, and transfer the rest to the Money Market Account.

The City Attorney will draft and send a letter to the resident in town with the electric fence.

Mr. Andring will finish his job the 4th of July weekend with the hazardous mobile home. All that would be left to remove at this point would be the frame.

The large pond next to Bedtke's field on the east side of Dover needs to be mowed. A person with a bush hog will mow it. It should only take a couple of hours. The cost would be \$30.00 to \$40.00 hour. A motion was made by Melinda Kieffer to approve, seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried.

Mayor Ihrke stated that the Dover Sign needs to be weeded. He will check with the Sentence to Service program.

4 volunteers are needed for the Pedal Pull on July 4th. The City has received \$695.00 in donations.

A notice needs to be placed on the Dover Website stating that no grass clippings should be blown out onto the street.

With no further business, a motion was made by Jaime Putzier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Karen Henry
Clerk of Dover