

MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 2014 MEETING

June 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present was Mayor Ihrke, Jaime Putzier, Matt Elder, Aaron Nicklay, Doug Peterson, Nick Koverman from the City of St. Charles, Erlene Weishons/Transportation Director from SEMCAC and the representative from the St. Charles Press.

Agenda presented for approval.

Meeting minutes from May 2014 presented for approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Doug Peterson. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion was made by Aaron Nicklay to approve, seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried.

Be it noted that the City of Dover received a \$350.00 donation from the Hiawatha Snow Seekers to be used for the Pedal Tractor Pull on July 4, 2014.

The City of Dover received a \$4500.00 donation from the Dover Relief Association for the July 3, 2014 fireworks.

Nick Koverman from the City of St. Charles and Erlene Weishons Transportation Director from Semcac present information regarding the shared transportation bus service for St. Charles, Dover and Eyota. Erlene stated that there are 9 active buses running in other communities right now. The communities are pleased with the results. The highest riders are preschool children/day cares, and participants of after school activities. She feels this will promote more people to our area. The State of Minnesota will pay a portion of the costs (85%), plus local

sponsors are being sought (Merchants National Bank and Eastwood Banks). There would possibly be a 4 year contract vs. 3 years. It will take approximately 2 years or more to get the number of riders up. The average fare is \$1.50/each in town rides, \$3.00/each for up to 8 miles out and \$5.00/each to Rochester. These fees will help offset the 15%. The cost to run a bus per hour is \$44.03. Every 5 to 7 years each City will contribute their percentage. Certain days would be set up with curb service at residents home. There would need to be a 24 hour advance notice and bookings can be done up to 2 weeks in advance. The bus holds 16 to 18 riders which includes 2 wheel chair stations. Erlene stated that Olmsted County has sales tax money designated for transit, especially for the Destination Medical Center. Keep in mind that changes on the service design can always be changed. The target date: operating grants from MN Dot do not get approved until October – it then takes 6 months to get the bus after being ordered. The City of Eyota's plan is to use the designated sales tax money received from the City of Rochester. Approval is requested at the July 2014 meeting or to adopt a resolution tonight and send it on to the City of St. Charles, and the City of Eyota.

Questions and concerns: Aaron Nicklay stated that the School District already provides bus service for the pre-schoolers. Mayor Ihrke does not think our share of this bus service is fair because of our populations being much less than that of St. Charles and Eyota. The council stated that we would like to participate but our ridership will be minimal – no in town riders. Matt Elder does not feel that we can afford this and Jaime Putzier would like to see Dover contribute a lesser amount.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Matt Elder to contribute 1/5 of the 20% (5,600) for an initial purchase and any future capital bus purchases (typically in the 5th to 7th year) for as long as public transit services are provided in Dover, Eyota and St. Charles. We will contribute \$5640 in 2015 toward the operating

cost of services in Dover, Eyota and St. Charles. Additionally, the City of Dover is committed to maintaining there support during the transitional years at \$3,760 in 2016 and \$1880 in 2017. Motion was seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried.

The renewal quote from the League of MN Cities for the medical portion of the Fire Department volunteers is \$123.00.

The standard - no deductible- will be our option. \$6,179.00 per year. Motion was made by Doug Peterson to approve, seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jaime Putzier hired Nakida Welder for the Summer Recreational Director for the summer of 2014. A motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Aaron Nicklay, All agreed. Motion carried. Jaime stated that Nakida will be attending the August 2014 meeting. A big trip will not be on the schedule this year. We discussed future years with the Eyota Summer Recreation program. The council would like a list of names or the number of children registered from Dover for Eyota's program this year.

The council discussed the shared brush pile .The council felt that in the City of Dover's best interest, the City of Eyota will need to fund their own brush pile in the future. We will continue to have their participation until the end of the 2014 season.

Mayor Ihrke stated that the Dover- Eyota School District is having a meeting with all local Government officials for the DMC on July 7, 2014.

Regarding Mr. Henry and the survey for the ball park; Mayor Ihrke stated that the survey done by Mr. Griffin is correct. The City is waiting for the bill from Mr. Griffin for our share (50%) of the cost of the survey.

The large pot hole in the alley by Aaron Nicklays residence needs to be filled and repaired.

The Maintenance Agreement with Olmsted County from July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015 was presented to the council. A motion was made by Matt Elder to approve, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

The City of Dover received a proposal from Ruskell Lawn Service to repair the swall behind Ken Biehns residence for a cost of \$1,220.00.

Mayor Ihrke will send a letter to Peoples Coop regarding the sale to Alliant Energy.

On the 3rd of July 2014 the Fire Department will give out Root Beer Floats to the public from 7 PM to 9 PM. The Dover Methodist Church will have a food stand at the park that evening and the Fire Works display will be at dark. On the 4th there will be a Children's Pedal Pull on E. Center Street next to Main street. A motion was made by Doug Peterson to block off that portion of E Center Street, seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried.

A Thank You letter will be sent to Ken Bianchi for his help and assistance in putting up the fence around the Ball Field.

With no further business, a motion was made by Aaron Nicklay to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Elder. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Karen Henry/Clerk of Dover