

MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 2014

March 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Matt Elder, Aaron Nicklay, Jaime Putzier, Lincoln Henry, Ms. Brubaker, Todd Peterson, Marvin Ihrke, and Nicole from the St. Charles Press. Not present- Doug Peterson.

The City Clerk swore in Jaime Putzier as the new council person.

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

Lincoln Henry is here regarding the surveying bill from G Cube regarding the Ball Field. He stated that there is .65 of an acre more. The survey bill is \$3900.75. The City will pay half of the bill but Mayor Ihrke would like to speak to Mark Welch of G Cubed first. This issue will be tabled until next month.

Todd Peterson from Dover is here to complain about the City snowplowing. He is concerned about the timeliness of the plowing and that after the last snow fall 5' was left on the side of the roads. He would like the plowing to start earlier and when the snowfall is heavier, plowing should be done multiple times. Maybe the council needs to set some perimeters. Emergency Vehicles need to pass if needed.

The council decided that if the snowfall is under 6” the local plow would go out after it is done snowing, anything more than 6”, multiple plowing is needed.

February meeting minutes were presented for approval. Motion was made by Matt Elder, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

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

Discussion on the water bills pertaining to residents having to leave a faucet running to prevent freezing pipes. Motion was made by Matt Elder to use the January 2014 usage amount for approximately the next two months. If needed this issue will be looked at for May. Motion was made by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried. Matt Elder will check with the sewer board to see if they would be willing to do the same.

The City of St. Charles, City of Eyota and possibly the City of Dover would like the sewer board to waive the SAC/WAC fees (\$2600.00) to promote building in the communities. This will be tabled until next month after some research is done.

The new owner of the T & R Flooring building submitted a plan for its usage but a zone change is needed. They will apply for the zone change. Land Use Plan does not allow

the change. The building was built with EDA money from the City so it can not be taken off of the tax role. Table this until our City Attorney does some research. Motion was made by Matt Elder, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Aaron Nicklay would like to discuss the lawn mowing issue. He stated that the City of Dover just purchased a pick up for the seasonal worker and Aaron feels that if we bid the job out the City would be taking a loss. Matt Elder stated that he does not look at the truck purchase as a loss. Mayor Ihrke stated that at this time both lawnmowers are shot. There will be a near future discussion on bidding out the lawn mowing vs. a seasonal employee. We may let the bid has a cost comparison.

The City of Dover received a bill from Eyota Ambulance. We owe them \$2,000.00 for the year 2013. Our agreement was for \$2,000.00/year for five years, plus the Dover Relief Association has already given them \$10,000.00 up front. Our 2013 payment will be made as agreed upon.

Marvin Ihrke stated that the heater in well house #2 is shot. It is 25 years old. Marvin will order a new heater and have it installed for approximately \$800.00.

There is a broken Fire Hydrant on the corner of Main Street in front of the Dover Township Hall.

Minnesota Energy is asking for a rate increase. Elaine from Peoples Coop wants a meeting with the City of Dover. Matt Elder and Mayor Ihrke will be at this meeting which will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

Lincoln Henry stated that the City Council of Dover is doing a good job.

With no further business, a motion was made by Matt Elder to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Aaron Nicklay. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Karen Henry/Clerk of Dover