

MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2015

November 5, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Mayor Ihrke, Jaime Putzier, Dave Iseminger, Melinda Kieffer, Gentleman from the Rochester Post Bulletin, Officer Waletzki from the Olmsted County Sheriffs Office, Marvin Ihrke, Crystal Merchlewitz, Brent & Megan Sprout, Chad Nienow, Nicole Stanley, and Maria Perez. Not present was Matt Elder.

Agenda presented for approval. Motion was made by Jaime Putzier, seconded by David Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes from October were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jaime Putzier to approve, seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval. Motion was made by Jaime Putzier, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jaime Putzier asked Officer Waletzki about having extra patrol during the lunch hour and after school regarding the alternative school in Dover. Students drive around town like it is a race track. They speed, burn tires. This has become a safety issue. Officer Waletzki stated that the Sheriffs office has not received any calls from Dover regarding this matter. He feels that someone needs to talk to the school about this .Officer Waletzki will check further into this. Mayor Ihrke asked a question regarding the Contract that Dover and Eyota has with the Sheriffs Department. He would like a separate contract for each City and like the share of each City defined more. Officer Waletzki will check further on this. He is also giving the council a heads up on a discussion among the Olmsted County Commissioners. They would like to increase the 2017 Contract by more than 3%.

Brent and Megan Sprout are here regarding a letter that they received from the City regarding an obstruction in the drainage way on their property. They stated that Geoff Griffin told them that they could put a wall there. Mayor Ihrke stated to them that there are other obstacles in the legal drainage way. We notified 2 other residents, who are here tonight, for the same issue. The letters were sent out to them notifying them that these obstacles could present a problem in the future if the City would need to get back by the drainage way to fix it. We, as the Council, have a responsibility to notify homeowners if they have an obstacle on the drainage way. Several people in that area have complained and others have had problems with water in their basements. There are 5 fences in the drainage way, and letters do need to be sent to all these homeowners. The City has already put the stakes in about 4 years ago. After a discussion, it was decided that the Council will give the current homeowners until the end of January, 2016 to remove these obstacles. The council will be reasonable if this deadline is not met. It was also noted that the City needs to check each scenario out. The homeowners asked if the drainage way could be narrowed? It is platted this way now, but if it was to be pursued, a public hearing is needed, the legal description would need to be changed, a survey done and all recorded. Mayor Ihrke read the descriptions of the easements from the Plat that are also in front of these properties. The additional water easement issues will be addressed in a letter to the other homeowners in the spring of 2016.

Crystal Merchlewitz is here to check on the dog ordinance. We stated to her that the neighbor with the dangerous dogs, attended the last council meeting stating that she would like to bring the dogs back. She also stated that she has different dog residing with her. The Council told her at that certain requirements need to be met before she could bring the dangerous dogs back. Crystal Merchlewitz stated that other towns have different ordinances for dogs and she would like a preventative measure added to the

existing ordinance in the City of Dover. She feels that this would help her in not getting bit again. Dave Iseminger stated to Crystal that we, as the City, cannot do anything else. Officer Waletzki did agree with that. He instructed Crystal to keep contacting the Olmsted County Sheriffs office if issues occur with the property owner and her new dog.

Cameron Johnson is constructing a new home on 204 Pearl Street in Dover. The price for a pipe to be put in the drainage ditch there would cost approximately \$7,056.60. No action will be taken yet.

Jaime Putzier is checking on having the transit bus log broken out between the cities of Eyota, St. Charles and Dover. SEMCAC stated that they cannot do that. We need a separate rider log. Jaime will talk with them again, and it was stated that maybe SEMCAC may need to come to a future council meeting.

The City is looking for someone to put up the Christmas lights. Dave Iseminger will check with his company, Don Andring and Peoples Energy Cooperative. Mayor Ihrke stated that some of the bulbs need to be replaced.

The snow plow has been installed on the City Pickup.

Shelves are needed for the garage next to City Hall.

A reminder that the Truth and Taxation meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Dover City Hall.

With no further business, a motion was made by Dave Iseminger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jaime Putzier. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Karen Henry/City Clerk

