

City of Dover Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes September 5, 2024

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

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Eric Tyler, Jodi Nicklay and Chelsie Kiekbusch. Absent- none. Staff present Gary Pedersen, Clerk/Treasurer. Others in attendance: Karen Henry, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Adam Waletzki, Bill Spitzer of Rolling Hills Transport.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Nicklay to approve the addition of street repair quotes, the motion carried.

Citizen items:

Bill Spitzer of Rolling Hills Transport addressed the Council on how the company is doing and the need for new buses and donations from the local jurisdictions. The run in five counties and have thirteen buses, funded 95% by MNDOT, rest local. They want to upgrade all their buses by 2027.

Deputy Adam Waletzki addressed the Council – nothing major discussed speed on city streets and how the new speed sign is working.

Motion by Member Nicklay and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to approve the regular meeting minutes for the last month, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Nicklay and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to approve the monthly financial statements and to pay the monthly bills as presented, the motion carried.

Clerk Report/ with action required on some topics:

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Nicklay to post message on city garbage cans that they are not intended for use for pet waste, the motion carried. The discussion was brought up because these garbage cans are not emptied daily and with the weather (heat and moisture) causes them to stink and the bags leak which causes a mess. It is assumed that pet owners should be taking the pet waste home to dispose of just as if they were at their own places.

New Business

- Budget review and to set preliminary budget levy amounts for 2025.

Motion by Member Putzier and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to approve the proposed budget at \$358,406 along with the bond levy amounts for a total of \$402,196, the motion carried.

- The above motion included:
 - 7% increase in property tax amount which is same as the city has been assessing the past few years.

Motion by Member Nicklay and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to set the City of Dover Truth-N-Taxation meeting for Thursday night December 5th at 7 PM in City Hall to hear any comments from the landowners in Dover as to the assessed amounts for their property taxes due in 2025, the motion carried.

The Organized Garbage Committee reported their findings and recommended moving ahead with organized collection for the city.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Tyler to have a public hearing for the city of Dover residents to express their thoughts on moving forward with Organized Garbage Collection, the date and time of the hearing shall be October 3rd, 2024, starting at 6:30 PM in the City Hall/Community Center, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Putzier to purchase up to 10 trees (Northwood maples) at \$285 per tree to plant in the park to replace ones that were removed because of disease, the motion carried.

Ball Park fences and changes were discussed and tabled at this time.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Putzier to continue the meeting to allow the council to go into “closed session” for the purpose discussion of land purchase on the corner of main street and center street, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Kiekbusch and seconded by Member Putzier to re-open the regular September Dover City Council meeting, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to accept the offer by owner of the parcel of land Eric Starnes to purchase the lot on the corner of Main Street and Center Street for \$37,500 including any closing costs associated with the purchase, the motion carried.

- The city would like the lot to develop as possible “green space” and with the idea of some type of a park, possible a memorial park.

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Kiekbusch to give the Mayor and Clerk permission to finish the land transaction including any closing costs associated with for the city, the motion carried.

Old Business

Motion by Member Tyler and seconded by Member Kiekbusch accept the quote from M & M Construction for street repair including a stormwater drain cover to be lowered and work on the bike path on the east side of the city where it has heaved, the motion carried.

Council Members:

Nicklay- loose rock problem at intersection of County Road 10 and 6th Street SW.

Mayor Iseminger- has received a quote for a new culvert under the Bendickson driveway on 7th Street SW.

Motion by Member Putzier and seconded by Member Tyler to pay Eyota Ambulance \$10,000 for service to the City of Dover, the motion carried.

Motion by Member Nicklay and seconded by Member Putzier to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:07 PM, motion carried.

Minutes by: Gary Pedersen, Clerk/Treasurer