

## MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 2015

September 3, 2015

Present were Acting Mayor Elder ( in absence of Mayor Ihrke), Jaime Putzier, Dave Iseminger, Melinda Kieffer, Richard Maki, Marvin Ihrke, Representatives from Sass Outside Services, and Goodies Lawn Care.

The Agenda was presented for approval. Motion was made by Dave Iseminger to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Meeting minutes for August 2015 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Melinda Kieffer to approve, with a correction. Motion was seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for approval. M & M Construction has sent a corrected bill. Motion was made by Jaime Putzier to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Lawn mowing bids were opened by Acting Mayor Matt Elder. The two bids that we received are for a 3 year term as advertised :

- 1) Sass Outside Services - Mowing and trimming for \$300.00 per time. Proof of insurance provided.

2) Goodies Lawn Care Service – Mowing and trimming for \$375.00 per time. Proof of insurance provided.

The council discussed the bids submitted. A motion was made by Jaime Putzier to accept and award the bid to Goodies Lawn Care Service. He has and is doing this job for the City now and we are very pleased with his work. This motion was seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Snowplowing Bids for one year were opened and the submitters are as follows:

1) Wigham Services from Eyota, MN.– see attached documents. Proof of insurance provided.

2) Clemens Excavating/Bill Clemens from Chatfield, MN. – see attached document. Proof of insurance provided.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Dave Iseminger to accept the bid from Wigham Services, with the snowfall rules the same as last year. Motion was seconded by Melinda Kieffer . All agreed.

Mr. Maki is here to discuss the public nuisance letter that he received from the City for not mowing his property. In 2012 he asked the council for permission to put up a privacy fence in his back yard. The City agreed to fix the holes that were back in or near the water way behind his property. He stated that the City has not done that yet, and that is why he did not maintain his lawn. He is asking that

we fill in the holes and seed it. He also stated that the neighbors to the east of him have a garden near the waterway and it works like a dam when it rains. Matt Elder stated that we will contact Ruskell Lawn care to fix the holes and seed the above mentioned area. Mr. Maki did agree to keep his lawn maintained .Motion was made by Jaime Putzier to approve, seconded by Dave Iseminger. All agreed. Motion carried.

Nothing has been done on the property with a structure on the property line. Dave Iseminger has agreed to talk to this resident about this issue.

The electric fence issue has been resolved.

2014 Audit will be tabled until the October meeting.

Discussion on the budget and levy for the year 2016. The City of Dover has been notified that we are not in compliance with our PFA loan regarding our water/sewer fund, meaning that we need to build up this fund. Our options are that we either raise the water/sewer rates by \$7.00/month or levy for \$20,000.00 for the next four years on property taxes. The council felt that it would be less of a burden for the Dover taxpayers to levy \$20,000.00 for the next 4 years. The general fund would increase by 3% for 2016 also. These options are the proposed amount at this time. After a scheduled TNT meeting with the public on December 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., at the Dover City Hall, the amounts will be certified to Olmsted County for the tax roll

in 2016. A motion was made by Jaime Putzier to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

The Olmsted County Sheriffs office will be contacted regarding the dangerous dog issue, for compliance.

Dave Iseminger stated that the Dover Sign was weeded by himself and his family. There are dead trees remaining there. This will be addressed at the February 2016 meeting.

The Dover Pump House Park: 4 to 5 loads of sand were hauled in to fix the toy area. It is still undecided as to what to put in around the swing set, possibly pea rock. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

The council feels that we should make the City Parks as nice as we can. We need to pick a point within each park area and work on that. Jaime Putzier stated that she will check on any grants that may be available. Question on whether the sales tax money could be used for that.

The City of Dover received a letter from Olmsted County regarding a parcel of land in the city forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes. They are requesting that we approve the parcel for public auction, auction to adjacent owners, or request a conveyance to the city for public use by resolution. If the City Council fails to respond within 60 days of the date of this letter, (September 1, 2015), the classification and sale will be deemed to be approved. The council will not respond with a resolution for the city has no interest in the parcel.

Solid Waste Disposal, per statue, plans to change haulers.

Melinda Kieffer asked to install shelving in the garage attached to City Hall for storage. She will check on a price and get back to the council at the October 2015 meeting.

The Dover Pumpkin Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 2015. Request to close off Park street next to the City Park. Motion was made by Dave Iseminger to approve, seconded by Melinda Kieffer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Lincoln Henry asked about the status on the sign at the Ball Park. When the City purchased this land from Mr. Henry it was agreed that this ball park be named with Henry. Find out from Mr. Henry what he would like on the sign and we will check with CJ Signage.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Karen Henry

Clerk of Dover

