

City of Dover Meeting Minutes July 2020

July 2, 2020

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Dover City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Ihrke.

Present were Mayor Roger Ihrke, Council Members Dave Iseminger, Jaime Putzier, Cameron Johnson and Kevin Connor; absent- none. City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen and Water Superintendent Marvin Ihrke were also present. Others in attendance were: Jill Veerkamp-St. Charles Press, Emily Atwood, Elizabeth Wolter and her daughter.

The August meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 4th will be held that night, instead of the usual first Thursday of the month as decided at the June meeting.

Motion by member Johnson and seconded by member Putzier to approve the agenda as presented, motion carried.

Guests:

Ms. Emily Atwood addressed the Council about mowing the hillside on their property in response to enforcement letter from the City. She questioned what they may be able to do in the future, that would be allowed by the Council per City ordinance. She would like to establish and use a “no mow lawn seeds”. The Council said she could try the program and as long as it met our ordinance standards of no weeds and the height of the grass should not be over about 6 inches in height. Council recommended trying a couple of strips across the hill first to control erosion and see how the seed grows and to see the results.

Ms. Elizabeth Wolter then addressed the Council about the City ordinance not allowing chickens in the residential areas. She removed the chickens from her property in Dover once she received a letter from the City for enforcement of the chickens. Ms. Wolter brought copies of other City ordinances allowing chickens for the Council to see and asked that they consider adopting an ordinance allowing chickens in Dover. A sample ordinance was handed out to the Council by the Clerk, and they will do more research before the next meeting and may have more discussion at that time.

Motion by member Johnson and seconded by member Connor to approve last months meeting minutes as presented, motion carried.

Motion by member Iseminger and seconded by member Connor to approve and pay the financials as presented, the motion carried.

Clerk Report Items:

- Sherriff's incident report for the month.
- Enforcement items.
- Posted City park restroom and locked because of vandalism.
- City sign project- redoing the landscaping and cleaning block.
- Thank you- Joyce Ferguson for repairing flags donated to the City.

- Posting for City Council Elections- Mayor and two Council seats.
- Main street project wrapped up- note from our City Engineer to approve paying up to the contract amount for now and overruns can be considered at our next meeting.

Motion by member Johnson and seconded by member Iseminger to pay Elcor for up to the contract amount when billed, motion carried.

- Letter was sent last October to the owner of 316 Pleasant Street North to clean up the property. It appears that the property is going to go through foreclosure with Olmsted County.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to start a process for the City to have the property cleaned up and put the costs onto the property taxes, and to hire our city attorney for the legal process, the motion carried.

Motion by member Johnson and seconded by member Iseminger to block off streets for fireworks from 4:30 PM until after the fireworks is done. Pleasant Street South (south of Eyota Street); South Street West (west of county road 10); and the alley in-between the two streets, motion carried.

- Delinquent water and sewer accounts list.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to send letters starting the process leading to shutting off the water unless their accounts are paid in full. These letters should be mailed to any accounts over \$600 at this point, the motion carried.

Council member concerns: vandalism at park restroom, out door music going late and very loud from one bar without event permit, no-out let sign for 6th street.

Motion by member Iseminger and seconded by member Putzier to adjourn at about 8:18 PM.

Gary Pedersen- Dover City Clerk