

## City of Dover Meeting Minutes March 4 2021

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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 Gym and by electronic zoom meeting as posted.

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Kevin Connor, Chelsie Kiekbush and Roger Ihrke City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen, Water Superintendent Marvin Ihrke (zoom) and City Engineer Mark Welch in person (GGG); absent- none. Others in attendance: Vicky Arendt- Eyota Ambulance, Jeff Hardtke-St. Charles Ambulance, Polly Calhoun-St. Charles Press (zoom) Steve (zoom) and Sheriff Kevin Torgerson of Olmsted County Sheriff's Office.

The April meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Kiekbusch to approve the agenda with one change moving the City Engineer agenda item just after the ambulance and Sheriff addressing the Council, motion carried.

Eyota Ambulance, Ms. Arendt addressed the Council-She stated that the main reason they are running in the red is the reimbursements from medicare is less than 50% of the normal charge rate. The Eyota ambulance would like to pay their members instead of being volunteer. The ambulance would like to charge Dover \$82.72 per household in their district (58 households according to their figures based off E911 estimates). The proposed fee they would like to charge Dover would equal to \$ 4,797.76. The ambulance would like to have contracts signed with the Cities and townships in the district, the group however decided they had no interest in contracts at the last annual meeting hosted by the ambulance. Statements would be sent out "asking" for the amounts to be paid.

Jeff Hartke, from the St. Charles Ambulance then addressed the Council and talked about increased paperwork, rules and getting volunteers to serve were all more costly and take up more time. Mr. Hartke was not sure how many households they serve in Dover. According to the Clerk about 307 households exist in Dover, minus the 58 that Eyota claims would equal 249 in the St. Charles District. If they charged the same rate as Eyota, that would be \$ 20,597.28 per year, with a total of \$ 25, 395.84 per year and over \$10,000 more than what the City pays for fire protection- according to a couple of the Council members stated that this does not seem right or fair.

The Council wrapped up this topic by stating that they needed time to consider the "ask" and would like to seek information from other cities in the area as what they are

paying- Mr. Hartke stated he would help gather information for the Council. Once the information is gathered the Council will place the topic on the agenda again.

Sheriff Torgerson then addressed the Council on the functions of all the departments of his office along with the names of all the department heads. Talked about issues they are dealing with like racial and how officers can use different methods of control on people they are dealing with. The Department will continue to have a prescription drug drop off location at the government center.

Mark Welch, City Engineer said plans for Park Avenue, Park Circle Court and the water drain line along Sheek Street North are ready. Comments on the proposed street work would be to use a "ribbon curb section" instead of the "normal roadway typical section" for this street due to the water flow to work properly. With the ribbon style it would allow drive-over curbs around the cul-de-sac. In this proposal the Engineer has the sidewalks on the south side of the street instead of the normal north side, very little driveway interference this way. The Engineer is estimating the cost at about \$175,000 for the street which would be a sealed bid process.

Discussion took place about adding a sanitary sewer line running from the city hall/community center building to the line near the north property line of the community center. This would be to take care of the sewer needed for the proposed new kitchen to be placed in the community center.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to send out for bids on the street projects that are proposed before next months meeting, motion carried with member Ihrke abstaining.

Motion by member Kiekbusch and seconded by member Connor to send out letters and advertise in the press to hold assessment hearings on the street project proposed above, motion carried with member Ihrke abstaining.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve last month meeting minutes with one typo correction, the motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve the financial statements and pay the bills as submitted, motion carried.

New Business:

The Council will hold off on a possible new and additional treadmill until next fall, will re-assess the need at that time.

Ambulance discussion, the departments trying to turn volunteer to paid departments is making this a tough decision and what could be a very costly decision. The Council concluded that paying something each year is probably in line, but not at the rates that

at least Eyota is seeking. Further discussion on long-term solutions are needed with the services.

Council member reports:

Member Putzier had a call with a concern on the speed along the walking path on the east end of the city.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve and sign the agreement with the County Attorneys Office on how they provide services to the city and in return the city turns over the court fees we get sent to us during the year to them annually, motion carried. The agreement is the same as last years was.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Kiekbush to adjourn at 9:47 PM was made, the motion carried.

Gary Pedersen- Dover City Clerk