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City of Dover Meeting Minutes November 2018

November 1, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Mayor Roger Ihrke, Council members Melinda Kieffer, Cameron Johnson, Jaime Putzier, and City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen; absent- Dave Iseminger. Others in attendance were: Jill Veerkamp-St. Charles Press, Marvin Ihrke-Dover City Water, Jody Wiza and Tammy Stolberg.

Motion by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Kieffer to approve the proposed agenda with the addition of approval of meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Kieffer to approve the proposed meeting minutes for the October meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Member Kieffer and seconded by Member Putzier to approve the bills as presented and the financial statements. Motion carried.

The Clerk gave an update on the custom alarm situation at the School building and what the options are. Decision was tabled to the December meeting to have more information.

Update on street construction and repairs were given by Council Members- one item was on the street construction the side walk had to be moved to the other side of the street in a couple areas of the streets due to issues with the water hydrants. The first blacktop coat should be put down yet this week and the second coat may have to wait until spring, as some cement work still needs to be done first, and the fall weather is starting to turn.

Member Johnson said the crack fill looks very good by M & M.

Media Com has presented the City with a new agreement to update the last one from about 15 years ago. The new offer was just received today by the Clerk so it will be on the December agenda for consideration.

Discussion on adjustments to the Sewer and Water rates for 2019 took place, the City needs to make sure there is enough money in the fund to cover the portion of the new bond for the utility part of the project and ongoing maintenance. Over the next ten years about \$14,000 per year is needed for the project to be paid off on the utility portion. The fund must also pay for other maintenance for water

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and sewer infrastructure and existing equipment. An early estimate on the water tower is around \$60,000 to clean up the rust deposits and repainting on the inside to make sure it lasts a long time. The fund had \$38,000 as of the last audit.

Motion by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Putzier to increase the Water rate by \$2 on the base fee (from \$8 to \$10); and to increase the Sewer rate \$2 on the base fee (from \$20 to \$22) and 50 cents on the per-thousand charge over the base rate (from \$6.00 to \$6.50) per gallon used over one-thousand gallons. The rate increases will be effective January 1, 2019. Motion Carried.

The projections will increase the water income for the City by \$7,200 for the year and the sewer will increase a projected \$10,800. According to the projections the average resident uses about 3,000 gallons of water per month and would see an increase of \$5 per month for the water and sewer. The City had not raised the rates since 2013 and has been charging less for sewer than the sewer district has been charging the City. The sewer district will be charging \$6.35 as of January 1st an increase of 12 cents.

The projected \$18,000 increase, will cover the bond portion and projected maintenance going forward. The Council addresses the fund each year to make sure it stays solvent.

Tennis Court lights need to be fixed- the Council asked the Clerk to look into this.

Member Putzier asked the City to look into the recent break-ins and contact the Sherriff's Department to see what can be done (extra patrols etc.).

The renewals for liquor licenses were sent out this last month and received back to the Clerk and he will send them to the County Sherriff's Office to sign off. They will be up for renewal at the next City Council meeting. The Shack Bar has asked for changes to be able to serve in the entire building and to receive an off sale license.

Motion by member Kieffer and seconded by member Johnson to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Gary Pedersen-Dover City Clerk