

City of Dover Meeting and Variance Hearing Minutes November 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 City Hall as posted.

Present were Mayor Dave Iseminger, Council Members Jaime Putzier, Kevin Connor, Chelsie Kiekbusch and Roger Ihrke; absent-none. staff in attendance were: City Clerk/Treasurer Gary Pedersen and Water Superintendent Marvin Ihrke-. Others in attendance: none

The December meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 2nd.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Connor to approve the agenda as proposed, the motion carried.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Kiekbusch to approve the proposed meeting minutes from the October meeting, the motion carried.

Motion by member Putzier and seconded by member Connor to approve paying the bills as presented and approving the financial documents as presented, the motion carried.

Clerk report:

- County program called GAIN- “Growing Affordable Improving Neighborhoods”- the program will offer qualifying people in Olmsted County a grant of \$10,000 toward the costs of a new dwelling in the county, up to 25 of these homes would be allowed in the City of Dover over the next 3 years. The County will provide the city with more information and will ask the city to sign up for the program. More information later.
- The city has been approved for a grant of \$10,000 for a generator for the “old” well and should have the money available by the end of the year from the state.
- Peoples Coop has offered the City of Dover a new franchise contract, the old one signed 25 years ago with Interstate Power Company has ended. The Clerk should research the language in the agreement offered to see what other cities are doing as far as accepting the language or requesting changes specifically Stewartville.

Old Business:

Kitchen items,

- The city has received a grant for \$5,000 from Peoples Coop “operation roundup”.
- We are waiting on the plumber to get us a new quote.
- The Clerk should seek a second quote for flooring.

The stormwater pond on the south end of the city has been cleaned and we should have the city maintenance person see if he can clean out the end of the pipe and check if an apron if needed.

Water tower painting discussion; the contract was signed and approved for painting in 2022. The council came up with a color scheme and the clerk will run it by Central Tank Coatings to see what they say;

Motion by member Ihrke to approve the concept drawn up by member Kiebusch, member Connor seconded the motion, and the motion carried. (Desert sand color for the bottom with white top and black lettering- a curved design separating the two colors).

New Business:

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve the three liquor license renewals for 2022, only if their property taxes are current and paid in full for the year, the motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Connor to approve a resolution stating the polling place location for 2022 election cycle be at city hall/community center- 217 West Center Street in Dover, the motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Putzier to approve the judge list presented by the clerk for the upcoming year, the motion carried.

Motion by member Connor and seconded by member Kiebusch to have the clerk notify any dover resident that may be in the position to have their water/sewer account placed on the special assessment list for the past year- over \$250 or more than 2 months delinquent, the Clerk is directed then to carry out the special assessment(s) at the close of the year, the motion carried.

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Kiebusch to appoint member Connor to the Dover-Eyota-St.Charles Sanitary Board beginning January of 2022 for a two year term, the motion carried.

Water/sewer rate discussion and review of scenarios drafted by the clerk before the meeting-

Motion by member Ihrke and seconded by member Connor to “table” the decision until the next council meeting and have the clerk provide a scenario with: base rates (first thousand gallons) increased by \$0.75 for both water and sewer; and the charge for gallons over the first thousand gallons be at an increased rate of \$1.00 for each thousand over the first thousand gallons, the motion carried.

Member Comments:

Kiebusch- playground information on equipment and splash pad. She will do more research.

Ihrke- When will the sidewalk be done; have clerk send letters to the property owners of the 2021 special street assessments be mailed another letter stating when they would have to pay the full amount by so it is not placed on their taxes; have clerk work on property clean up and contact attorney, if need be, to send a letter to the owner that has been discussed in the past.

A motion by member Connor and seconded by member Putzier to adjourn at 9:02 PM, the motion carried.

Gary Pedersen- Dover City Clerk