
Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Dilworth, Clay County, Minnesota, held February 8, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., at City Hall.

Pursuant to the Emergency Declaration signed by Mayor Olson on March 18, 2020 and Resolution 20-12, this meeting was closed to the public due to COVID-19. Councilmembers met at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Members of the public and attendees participated via Zoom (telephonically and/or virtually) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021.

PRESENT: Mayor Olson, Councilmembers Nash, Aasness, Jesme, and Peterson

OTHERS: City Administrator Peyton Mastera, Finance Officer Sherri Farwell, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Berg, Fire Chief Mark Empting, City Engineer Dan Hanson, Police Chief Ty Sharpe, David Steichen, Erik Jones, Kristine Altrichter, Curtis Ripley, and Administrative Assistant Jessica Malvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and everyone took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: by Nash, seconded by Jesme, to approve the February 8, 2021. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

4. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to approve minutes from the January 25, 2021 City Council meeting.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to receive and file January Incident Analysis report.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to approve Mechanical/Heating License application of Hebron Brick Supply Company, to expire February 7, 2022.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to approve Mechanical/Heating License application of Sheyenne Mechanical, to expire February 7, 2022.

- MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to approve Used Car License application of Ten11 Auto, to expire February 7, 2022.
- MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to receive and file minutes from the January 13, 2021 Dilworth Park Board meeting.
- MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to approve 2 AM Liquor License application of Unwined, to expire March 29, 2021.
- MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Nash, to receive and file monthly tax return statement of the Dilworth Lion's Club for December 2020.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None received.

6. UPDATE, BUFFALO RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND DILWORTH PROJECTS (ERIK JONES WITH HOUSTON ENGINEERING AND KRISTINE ALTRICHTER WITH THE BUFFALO RED RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT PRESENTING)

Erik Jones with Houston Engineering gave an update on the Buffalo Red River Watershed District (BRRWD). The BRRWD desires to make improvements to the culverts on Ditch 50 at 5th Street NW, 2nd Street NW, and 4th Street NE.

The culverts at 5th Street NW and 2nd Street NW are eligible for funding (would cap the City's contribution at \$20,000 each culvert), but the culverts must become part of Clay County's bridge inventory, subject to inspection every four years. The cost per inspection would be approximately \$500. The County has conveyed their support for this acceptance. The culvert at 4th Street NE does not meet the requirements for the funding.

7. RESOLUTION 21-04, ADDING LOCAL CULVERTS ALONG DITCH 50 TO THE CLAY COUNTY BRIDGE SYSTEM

MOTION: by Jesme, seconded by Aasness, to approve Resolution 21-04, Adding Local Culverts along Ditch 50 to the Clay County Bridge System. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

8. RESOLUTION 21-05, AUTHORIZING REVIEW OF SEWER TELEVISION WORK FOR THE 2021 SANITARY REHABILITATION PROJECT

Resolution 21-05 gives authorization to the City Engineer to review the televising of sanitary sewer lines north of HWY 10 between 5th Street NW and 4th Street NE (south of 4th Avenue). Council approved the televising of the lines at the November 23rd City Council meeting.

MOTION: by Peterson, seconded by Nash, to approve Resolution 21-05, Authorizing Review of Sewer Television Work for the 2021 Sanitary Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

9. UPDATE, COVID-19

County Business Relief Program – 78 applications approved ranging from \$500 - \$40,000.

COVID leave – Expired at the end of the year, but monitoring federal legislation to see if future aid will be given for state/local governments

Governor's budget – \$52.4 Billion budget includes all LGA funding

10. COUNCIL MEMBER'S CONCERNS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jesme How can we help bring new businesses to Dilworth? New housing construction gets a two year tax abatement, can we do the same for newly constructed businesses? Do we need to hire a City Planner to help the City get more amenities?

Peterson Park board is applying for a grant to repair the basketball court at Birch Tree Park. The board is also looking at replacing the equipment at Pine Tree Park.

Loco Daze had their first meeting of the year. Loco Daze is scheduled for the last week in July.

Nash The Planning Commission has finished their discussion on the updates to the sign ordinance. The next sept will be to have a public hearing on them.

In the past we have done sidewalk repair studies, how can we budget or get new sidewalks put in and repair the ones that are badly damaged?

Mastera Park survey was sent out asking for design input from the community. As of today 280 people have responded.

Olson Thank you to Sheriff Empting for taking part in the "Freezing for a Good Reason."

In 2021 we need to forces on all parts of the City and maintaining the City as a whole.

The DOT will be redoing HWY 10 in 2027. How can we start getting our ideas out and make sure that our residents on HWY 10 are being taking care of?

Where do we see Dilworth in 30 years? How can we make our dream of a better City happen? We all need to make our dream list and see what we can afford and how we can make it happen.

With the new park, do we need to look at teaming up with the YMCA or DGF Schools to have an indoor pool or other amenities that will bring people to Dilworth?

In 2021 we will dream big and make it happen!

11. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Jesme, to pay the claims and bills dated February 8, 2021. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

12. CLOSED SESSION, PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES §13D.05 SUBD. 3(B) TO DISCUSS ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

MOTION: by Peterson, Seconded by Nash, to go in to Closed Section Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §13d.05 Subd. 3(B) to Discuss Attorney-Client Privileged Information

Started at 7:20 p.m.

Ended at 8:17 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor: 
Chad Olson

ATTEST: 
L. Peyton Mastera, City Administrator

Approved by the Dilworth City Council on February 22, 2021

