

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council of Dilworth, Clay County, Minnesota, held August 23, 2021, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., at City Hall.

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

OTHERS: City Administrator Peyton Mastera, Finance Officer Jerry Griggs, Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Berg, City Engineer Dan Hanson, Police Chief Ty Sharpe, Fire Chief Mark Empting, Representative Paul Marquart, Senator Kent Eken, Chris Kollitz, Jim Nelson, and Administrative Assistant Angela Miller.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and everyone took part in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: by Jesme, seconded by Nash, to approve the August 23, 2021. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

4. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to approve minutes from the August 9, 2021 City Council meeting.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to receive and file minutes from August 4, 2021 Planning Commission meeting

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to receive and file minutes from the August 11, 2021 Park Board Meeting.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to approve temporary liquor license application for Unwined for an event at the Community Center on September 18, 2021.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to receive and file resignation of Jason Kakac from the Dilworth Park Board.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to authorize the hire of Shawn Kaiser as a Firefighter.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to authorize the hire of Tyler Nash as a Firefighter.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to approve Mechanical/Heating License application of Valley Service Mechanical, LLC, to expire August 22, 2022.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to authorize appointment of Blair Hill to the Dilworth Planning Commission, to fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2022.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to receive and file resignation of Mary Jodsaas from the Dilworth Planning Commission.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to approve Separation Agreement with Officer James Burton.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None received.

6. RESOLUTION 21-44, RECEIVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT AND CALLING FOR IMPROVEMENT HEARING ON THE NORTHSIDE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Hanson presented the revised preliminary engineering report that includes the cost of paving the north end of the alley next to St. Elizabeth's. This would increase the project cost by about \$100,000 to \$4.4MM.

Council discussion led to the decision not to include the north section of this alley in the project nor should it be reflected in the preliminary engineering report.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, October 11, 2021, 6:00 P.M. at the Dilworth Community Center.

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Peterson, to approve Resolution 21-44, receiving Preliminary Engineering Report and calling for Improvement Hearing on the Northside Improvement Project. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

7. RESOLUTION 21-49, REQUESTING CLAY COUNTY TO SELL PARCEL NUMBER 52.025.0150 TO THE CITY OF DILWORTH TO CORRECT BLIGHT OR IMPLEMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The empty lot at 9 Adams Avenue has gone into tax-forfeiture and the City has the option of acquiring the land from Clay County for the purpose of eliminating blight and bringing in affordable housing. Mastera reached out to Habitat for Humanity and they are interested in doing another build in Dilworth at this location.

MOTION: by Nash, seconded by Jesme, to approve Resolution 21-49, requesting Clay County to sell parcel number 52.025.0150 to the City of Dilworth to correct blight or implement affordable housing. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

8. CONSIDERATION, AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF ESO REPORTING SOFTWARE FOR THE DILWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chris Kollitz with the Dilworth Fire Department presented information on the ESO Reporting Software. He explained the current reporting system is very old with no option to update. The ESO Reporting system is part of the same company as the current software and a discount would be given on the purchase of the new system for a total cost of \$7,500.

The benefits of ESO Reporting Software include regular updates, real time reporting to the State Fire Marshall, consolidate systems and files, and the ability to add additional modules in the future.

MOTION: by Jesme, seconded by Peterson, to approve the purchase of the ESO reporting software for the Dilworth, Fire Department. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

9. UPDATE, 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION (SENATOR KENT EKEN AND REPRESENTATIVE PAUL MARQUART PRESENTING)

Representative Marquart spoke about the House Bonding Committee looking at the Dilworth Fire Hall, tax bill for county aid to help with homeless programs, and local government aid.

Senator Eken spoke about building requirements and challenges in border cities, getting more funding for child care and education, and COVID relief for smaller businesses.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER'S CONCERNS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

Jesme The Fire Department has added two new members and they have started discussing setting up a truck committee.

Peterson The Loco Daze committee had their post event meeting and discussed the future of Loco Daze.

The Park Board and Planning Commission are planning to have a joint meeting to discuss the future park.

Nash Metro COG had their Transit Development meeting and discussed changes to the bus route which would include the Dilworth route.

Mastera There will be a grand opening event for the Rail District on September 2nd from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

They broke ground on the Dairy Queen today.

The house bonding bill team will tour the Fire Hall on September 22nd. Mayor Olson and Council Member Jesme will be there to show them around and explain what the needs of the Fire Department are and the merits of the bonding bill request.

Olson Encouraged everyone to exercise their relationships with our elected officials.

11. PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

MOTION: by Aasness, seconded by Jesme, to pay the claims and bills dated August 23, 2021 including eleven additional items. Motion carried by all members present voting aye.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor:  ATTEST: 
Chad Olson L. Peyton Mastera, City Administrator

Approved by the Dilworth City Council on September 13, 2021