

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2015 7:00 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The special meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Putnam at 7:00 p.m. on January 5, 2015 at the Dassel City Hall.

Clerk Boese administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials: Putnam and Bjork.

Present: Council members Asplin, Bjork, Nelson and Mayor Putnam (4)

Motion by Asplin, seconded by Nelson to accept the resignation of newly elected City Council member Jason Benzing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Asplin to declare a vacancy within City Council. Motion carried unanimously.

Applications for the open City Council seat will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. on January 23, 2015. Interviews will take place on January 27, 2015 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Council members Bjork and Nelson volunteered to conduct the interviews.

Snow removal and parking ordinance regulations were discussed. The Council reviewed City Code Section 72.15 regarding parking during a snow event.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Asplin to hold a public hearing on February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. to amend City Code Sections 72.15 and 72.16 as follows: 72.15 add section B – No motor vehicle shall be parked upon any street, avenue or alley during or up to 48 hours after a snow event between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.; delete 72.16 Section B 2 No motor vehicle shall be parked on the street, avenue or alley between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between November 1st and April 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

The council reviewed the proposed 2016 Fee Schedule and added: strong beer to the wine license with the fee remaining at \$350.00.

City Engineer DeWolf presented proposed 2015 Water & Sewer rates which included an increase of the water base rate from \$13.44 to \$15.88 resulting in an increase of \$2.45/month per connection. This would bring the proposed water department revenue to \$407,000/year. No other rate changes were recommended.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Asplin to increase the base rates for water to \$15.88 per month per connection effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously

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Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bjork to adopt the 2015 Budget General, Fire, Surface Water, Liquor, Water and Sewer Fund Budgets as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Asplin, seconded by Bjork to approve the 2015 wages and annual part time employee hours as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Putnam requested cancelling the Special Council meeting on January 12, 2015 in order to get more input from residents and businesses in regards to the sign ordinance.

Interviews for the Deputy Clerk position close on January 13, 2015. Mayor Putnam and Council member Nelson were appointed a personnel committee to conduct interviews. They will meet on January 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to review applications and interviews will be scheduled on January 15th and 16th, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Asplin to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Jeff Putnam
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer