

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Dassel City council was called to order by Mayor Putnam at 7:00 p.m. on June 20, 2016 at the Dassel City Hall.

Mayor Putnam led the opening Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Asplin, Bjork, Hungerford, Nelson and Putnam (5)

Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Hungerford to approve the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Larry Oberg updated the council on the Red Rooster Parade. The route will be the same as previous years, but lineup will start at noon and the parade time was moved up to 2 p.m. due to the state baseball tournament games that day. He asked for the city's help in setting up barricades and stated they need many volunteers to help along the parade route.

ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Asplin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDA President Ackerman reported on the League of MN Cities conference he attended last week. He said he will be bringing many ideas to the next EDA meeting and he encouraged the council to attend future conferences if they have the opportunity.

Ackerman informed the council he will be working on finding volunteers to run shuttles during Red Rooster Days. The equipment will be donated by Farm Rite. The antique car show will be moved to Third and Atlantic streets. He is also arranging an Elk Feed at Thirsty's Tavern to begin developing the 'Unique Personality'.

Motion by Bjork, seconded by Asplin to approve the rezoning request recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission to rezone 441 1st St (PID 23-0123000, Lot 2, Block 9 and part of Lot 3, Block 9 and part of Lot 1, Block 1, Norgrens Addition) from Commercial-1 to Residential-2. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Asplin to appoint the following election judges for the 2016 primary and general elections: J. David Anderson; Carrie Hohenstein; Ruth Karli; Arlys Kendall; Dale Lund; Kristina Mortenson; Earl Nordstrom; Marge Piepenburg; Della Robertson; Susan Stueck; Barbara Weege; Terri Boese; and Tracey Bergstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Hungerford, seconded by Bjork to approve the amended Dassel Cokato Trail Memorandum, removing Cokato Township as a party to the agreement, as presented, and authorizing the Clerk and Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Hungerford to accept the balance of the DC Trail funds from DC Schools, agree to be the responsible entity for those funds as recommended by the DC Trail Committee and authorize the Clerk/Treasurer to set up a new fund account for the monies. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Asplin, seconded by Hungerford to hire a marketing intern for 6 months at \$12.50 hour, not to exceed \$9,000 in the clerk's budget for part time clerical. Motion carried unanimously.

Boese reported a special meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m. to review the 2015 annual audit.

Council members Asplin and Nelson will review properties in Dassel and develop a list of nuisance ordinance violations. Once their inspection is completed the clerk's office will send notices of violation to property owners prior to being cited by the Sheriff's office.

Boese invited the public to the Dairy Berry Days event which will be held Thursday, June 23rd at Bandstand Park from 7-8 p.m. She also reminded everyone to 'Cool it at the Mushroom' every Monday and Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. through July.

City Attorney

Attorney Greenley reported that he been able to successfully negotiate the weather related amendment to the Solar Garden agreement which the council had discussed at the special meeting held on May 19th.

Fire Chief

Chief Johnson presented the May monthly fire report which showed a year to date total of 104 calls, 39 of which were in the city of Dassel.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bjork to hire Matthew Doughty and Justin Yager as firefighters. Motion carried unanimously.

Liquor Store Manager

Manager Vetsch presented the May monthly liquor store report which showed gross sales of \$103,418.90, an increase of 4% over 2015. He reported that he had hired 2 new part time liquor store clerks, Carmen Dimond and Pamela Cable.

Museum Director

Director Holje invited flower lovers and grows to enter the flower show which will be held on July 28th at 11 am. She also invited the public to view the baseball exhibit in honor of the Class B State Amateur Baseball Tournament. The baseball exhibit will run from mid-July through Red

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Rooster Days. Holje reported that they had received an art tour grant for the event scheduled October 22nd. She thanked the numerous volunteers for the 1029 hours of time donated this year to date.

Public Works Director

Director Scepaniak reported the annual lift station inspections had been completed, pump #1 is scheduled for repair to replace the upper bearings and the seals have failed on both pumps at the Simons Ave lift station.

The 1998 Sterling and the 1984 L8000 dump trucks have been sold and were replaced by a 2002 L8000 dump truck at a cost of \$12,000.

Scepaniak presented bids for seal coating the city's portion of the DC Trail ranging from \$4,670 to \$7,150. The project will be completed by Turbo Seal and the cost will be covered by DC Trail funds.

He thanked the 4-H Club members for cleaning the park around the Veteran's Memorial to get it ready for the Memorial Day celebration. He also reported that he has contracted to have the dying tree along Hwy 12 in Breeds Park removed.

Scepaniak reported on behalf of the City Engineer that Mid Minnesota will be starting the Marcia Street paving and William Ave reconstruction projects this week. He requested authorization to replace the curb, gutter and sidewalk along Atlantic Ave between 1st and 2nd Streets at a cost of \$15,424.24. The council approved the cost of the sidewalk replacement.

Sheriff's Office

Deputy Sundberg presented the monthly Sheriff's office report which showed a total of 86 calls for the month of May. He reported that major crimes are down and Sheriff Cruze is pushing increased DWI enforcement and drug related incidents.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Bjork, seconded by Asplin to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$172,151.30 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Putnam reported he had a request to add two hockey rinks in Breeds Park. The council agreed to review the proposed plans. Clerk Boese will research costs to add pickle ball courts with the tennis courts in Breeds Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Kyle Ackerman reported that he had visited with the President of the Ordway of St. Paul at the recent conference he attended. The Ordway is looking for opportunities to do shows in Out-State Minnesota. Ackerman proposed they perform at the Dassel Cokato Performing Arts Center.

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Motion by Asplin, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Jeff Putnam
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer