

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 11, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
DASSEL EVENT CENTER/HISTORY CENTER**

The special meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Putnam at 6:00 p.m. on August 11, 2016 at the Dassel Event Center/History Center Facility.

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

Absent: (0)

Also present were county representatives: Auditor, Barb Loch; EDA Director, David Krueger; Board Chair, Dale Fenrich; and Commissioner Mike Housman.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with county representatives to discuss the Summit Hills property and 2017 capital outlay projects in regard to the preliminary budget.

Loch started the meeting off with the background history of the Summit Hills project and the tax forfeit process. She reviewed the state legislation which was recently passed to allow the County to represent the State in the Summit Hills Association and the process that was required to eliminate the association.

Krueger provided a power point presentation which covered an understanding of the county's expenses to date and the outstanding city assessments. He explained strategies to attract a developer and how to create an environment to market the property. He reviewed other options including the city EDA taking ownership of the property and selling the lots themselves.

Fenrich questioned the costs of lots in the Highland Hills subdivision and the condition of the roads. He suggested the city take a look at the cost of these lots in relationship to Summit Hills lot costs.

It was also noted that the cities of Grove City and Cosmos do not do wraparound assessments.

City Engineer DeWolf reviewed the projected costs of rebuilding the road, cleaning the retention ponds and redistribution of the large dirt pile in the Summit Hills subdivision. The projected cost estimate is \$695,000. The council directed DeWolf to prepare a linear front foot estimate for the improvement. It was also agreed that the costs could be split by the individual groupings as determined by the county for the upcoming land auction on September 23rd.

Loch explained that letters will be sent on 8/12/16 to the Association and property owners giving a 30-day notice to call a meeting of the Association. If after the 30 days no action has been taken by the Association Board the county has authority to call a special meeting given a 7-day notice.

Mayor Putnam noted that he has received some complaints about Chinese elm and other invasive species in the Summit Hills subdivision. He stated the city public works department would take care of removal of these items.

Discussion of proposed 2017 capital outlay projects was tabled until the budget meeting.

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

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ATTEST:

Jeffrey Putnam
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer