

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2017, 7:16 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The regular meeting of the Dassel City council was called to order by Mayor Hungerford at 7:16 p.m. on November 20, 2017 at the Dassel City Hall.

Mayor Hungerford led the opening Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Bemenderfer, Carlson, Hallquist, Weseloh and Mayor Hungerford (5)
Absent: (0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Carlson to approve the June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting; October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting; October 26, 2017 Special Meeting; and November 16, 2017 Special Meeting minutes as presented, with 1 correction to the November 16, 2017 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Resident Edwin Hull expressed his concerns in regard to neighbors feeding wildlife and having security cameras which are pointed at other neighbor's homes in the area.

Resident Lynn Holaran expressed her concerns in regard to a neighbor's dogs who are unlicensed, and attacked her dog. She has contacted the Sheriff's office but the situation remains unresolved.

The council thanked both residents for bringing these concerns to their attention and stated they would investigate and then follow up with them at a later date.

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Hallquist to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2017-015 Designating Polling Location for 2018 Elections

**RESOLUTION RE-ESTABLISHING THE POLLING PRECINCT
AND PRECINCT LOCATION FOR THE CITY OF DASSEL**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dassel, Minnesota, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §204B.14, is required to establish or re-establish the boundaries of the election precincts within the municipality following the redistricting of the Legislature; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota has been redistricted; and,
WHEREAS, precinct boundaries must be re-established within 60 days of the time when the Legislature has been redistricted or at least 19 weeks before the State Primary, whichever comes first.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dassel that the following precinct and polling location is hereby re-established as:

Dassel City Hall, Community Room
460 Third Street N.
Dassel, MN 55325

B. Resolution 2017-016 Ordering Preparation of Report on Improvement

**RESOLUTION ORDERING PREPARATION OF REPORT ON IMPROVEMENT
2018 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, it is proposed to improve the following described areas:

- Summit Cove
- Hilltop Drive
- 5th Street adjacent to Summit Hills Addition

and to assess the benefited property for all or a portion of the cost of the improvement, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dassel:

that the proposed improvement, called the 2018 Improvement Project be referred to the City Engineer (Bolton & Menk, Inc.) for study and that that person is instructed to report to the council with all convenient speed advising the council in a preliminary way as to whether the proposed improvement is necessary, cost-effective, and feasible; whether it should best be made as proposed or in connection with some other improvement; the estimated cost of the improvement as recommended; and a description of the methodology used to calculate individual assessments for affected parcels.

C. Approve Wine & Strong Beer License and Consumption & Display License for Thirsty's Tavern, new owners Dan & Monica Ward.

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Carlson to approve consent agenda items A-C as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

The council reviewed the 2017 Red Rooster financial reports as presented by the Committee Treasurer. The council requested the 2018 Red Rooster budget to be presented at the December meeting.

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Council member Bemenderfer provided an update on the website committees progress on selecting a new vendor. He also reported that the EDA is working on 2018 goals and priorities with strategic direction.

Council member Hallquist reported on the Discover Dassel committee's beautification project at Hwys 12 & 15 and the Dassel Dazzle event scheduled on December 8th.

Council member Weseloh invited everyone to get involved and become a Red Rooster volunteer.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk Boese reported on the following upcoming meetings and events:

1. City Hall will be closed, Thurs Nov 23 & Fri Nov 24 for Thanksgiving
2. Historical Society Board Meeting, Tues, Nov 28th @ 10 am, History Center
3. Website Committee Meeting, Tues, Nov 28th @ 5 pm, City Hall
4. Fire Relief Association Quarterly Meeting, Wed, Nov 29th @ 6:30 pm, Fire Hall
5. EDA meeting, Thurs, Dec 7th @ 7pm, City Hall
6. Dazzle in Dassel event, Fri, Dec 8th from 5-7 pm, Bandstand Park
7. Monthly Dept Head Meeting, Wed, Dec 13th @ 7am, City Hall
8. Truth in Taxation Hearing, Mon, Dec 18th @ 6:30 pm, City Hall

Boese presented the Tobacco Policy which was adopted in 2006 and requested the city establish a distance requirement from city buildings. Council member Bemenderfer will research and report back at the next council meeting.

The council scheduled a public hearing to be held on December 18th immediately following the Truth in Taxation hearing on a petition to vacate a public easement on Lots 1-3, Block 8 and Lots 27-33, Block 3 by Carl Rokala.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Bemenderfer to pro-rate the liquor license fees for Thirsty's Tavern as allowed by City Code Section 110.06. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Weseloh to conduct a state background investigation check on the new owners of Thirsty's Tavern, in conjunction with issuing their liquor licenses, and refund any fees not expended for the investigation from their \$300 deposit. Motion carried unanimously.

The council review the monthly Waste Management recycling report which showed a of 7.15 tons recycled in September.

City Attorney

Attorney Greenley provided an update on the Crow Castle cell tower request to add transmission equipment on the Sharel Lee property. A letter will be sent requesting additional information.

Fire Chief

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Chief Grochow stated there were 29 calls for the month of October. He asked the council to consider accepting the donation of a 25kw generator from the City of Cokato. The generator was at the old fire hall and is being replaced with a new generator at their new building. He discussed the need for a slab and potential building or fencing around the generator at the fire hall. Clerk Boese will pursue funding for moving/relocating/housing and/or hookup of the generator through Meeker County Emergency Management. Grochow informed the council they are still pursuing a FEMA grant for the SCBA equipment. There have been several issues with the SAM's website.

Liquor Store Manager

Manager Vetsch manager reported sales for October were \$90,267.76, an increase of 5% over last October. He stated sales are still moving in a positive direction and they are setting displays for the holiday season.

Museum Director

Director Holje reported on the following upcoming events:

Discover Dassel Art Tour – Oct. 28, successful again. Dazzle in Dassel Dec. Dec. 8, at the Bandstand, Santa Claus, food, fun, fire pits. *It's a Wonderful Life*, a radio play by the Fungus Amongus Players were be at the History Center Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 10. Dinner theatre will be a Bait and Hook Dec. 9.

Exhibits

51% Swedish.

It is about adaptation and roots. Two cartoon artists from Sweden will present a short program on Nov. 28 about the exhibit. That will be the opening. Cartoons, photos, text etc. In 2014 they were in the Midwest interviewing people of Swedish heritage about their lives. The exhibit has been in many places in Sweden; now they are bringing it back to the US.

Mamie Falk's paintings are on display

Two of the originals were donated by the City. One original by someone from Minneapolis. Nine framed prints have been donated. They are interesting pieces. Falk is somewhat known as the "Grandma Moses of the Midwest." She has Dassel connections.

Public Works Director

Director Zwilling reported that the loader has been repaired and is back. The effluent discharge for the year was 58.4 million gallons. Spraying for mosquitos was discussed and he will get cost estimates. Public works will be sweeping the streets one more time before winter.

Sheriff's Report

Mayor Hungerford presented the monthly Sheriff's report which showed a total of 70 calls for October.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Bemenderfer to approve payment of claims in the amount of \$463,402.37 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hallquist to authorize Discover Dassel to block 3rd Street and Atlantic Avenue for the Dazzle Dassel event on December 8th from 4-8 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed a request from Dan & Monica Ward to change the city ordinance to allow them to apply for an on-sale liquor license for Thirsty's Tavern. The council agreed to authorize Attorney Greenley to research amending City Code Section 110.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Weseloh to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Ronald Hungerford
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer