

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 29, 2018, 6:02 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The special meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Hungerford at 6:02 p.m. on January 29, 2018 at Dassel City Hall.

Present: Council members Bemenderfer, Hallquist, Weseloh and Mayor Hungerford (4)
Absent: Carlson (1)

Also present: Clerk Boese; Planning Commission Members-Nick Corbin, Lynn Hollaran, Sherrie Bjork; EDA Members-Sundee Kuechle, Paul Haekenkamp; City Attorney Kurt Greenley; Kent Louwagie, Bolton & Menk; Jessica Green, Northland Securities; and David Krueger, Meeker County EDA Director.

The purpose of the meeting was to: discuss/review the Lakeview Ranch/Vacker Place Residence expansion project, which was presented to the council earlier this month; approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Dassel, the Dassel Area Historical Society and Fungus Amongus Players; approve hiring additional staff in the City Clerk's office and advertise the Museum Custodian position.

Mayor Hungerford provided an update to the group on the proposed Lakeview Ranch expansion project at Hwys 12 & 15.

Lakeview Ranch currently has 50 employees and is anticipating an additional 20-50 jobs being created once the project is completed.

Krueger suggested the Lakeview Ranch Board contact Senator Klobuchar, the USDA and SWIF for direction and assistance on the project. He explained the feasibility of USDA funding for the project.

Louwagie reviewed the required infrastructure and road improvements necessary for the project. The cost is estimated to be \$984,000. This includes the MNDOT required bypass and turn lane on Hwy 15. It is possible to assess a portion of the improvement costs to adjoining land owners. No specifics are known at the time on the number of new connections/users for the project.

Green presented information on bonding for the improvement and implications of allowing Lakeview Ranch to 'use' the city's bonding authority. The types of bonds that could be used are reconstruction, GO abatement and assessment bonds. If they city uses assessment bonds at least 20% or more must be assessed and the improvements on Hwy 15 would not be assessable to MN DOT. GO abatement bonds can be issued up to the lesser of 100% of market value or \$200,000.

The council agreed that they support the project but it is up to the Lakeview Ranch Board to get their business plan completed and funding options prepared.

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Hallquist to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the City, DAHS and FungusAmongus Players as presented. Motion carried with Hungerford abstaining.

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Weseloh to hire Deb Boelter through Award Staffing. Motion carried unanimously.

The council approved advertising for the Museum Custodian position being vacated by Fabrianne Schultz.

Motion by Bemenderfer, seconded by Weseloh to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Ronald Hungerford
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer