

Dassel, MN

Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Mayor Lalone at 7:31 pm.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Mayor Lalone

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b. Roll Call

Council members Gaertner, Landrus, Sombke, Thurn & Mayor Lalone

Minutes:

Council members present: Council members Gaertner, Landrus, Sombke, Thurn & Mayor Lalone. Council members absent: none.

2. Approval of Minutes - Special & Regular meetings May 20, 2024

Minutes:

Motion by Landrus. seconded by Gaertner to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Public Hearing(s)

4. Open Forum

(The City Council invites residents to share new ideas or concerns related to city business; however, individual questions and remarks are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. No City Council action will be taken, although the Council may refer issues to staff for follow up or consideration at a future meeting. The Mayor may use discretion if speakers are repeating views already expressed or ask for a spokesperson for groups of individuals with similar views. Speakers should state their name and home address at the podium before speaking.)

a. Darrin Lee, Flaherty & Hood PA/Coalition of Greater MN Cities, Legislative Update

Minutes:

Darrin Lee with Flaherty & Hood gave a Legislative update for the Coalition of Greater MN Cities. Lee stated the City of Dassel will be receiving \$19,979.00 on July 20th as part of the Small Cities Assistance for cities with population under 5000.

5. Additions or Omissions to Agenda

Minutes:

Motion by Lalone, seconded by Thurn to approve the agenda with listed changes. Move 9a to 9b and add Resolution 2024-016 Accepting Donation of \$20,000 from the Dassel Fire Relief Gambling fund to the Fire Department fund under the City. Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda

Minutes:

Motion by Gaertner, seconded by Thurn to approve the Consent Agenda with the change to the

claims, increase from \$245,674.35 to \$246,523.00. Motion carried.

a. Payment of Claims \$245,674.35

Minutes:

Payment of claims change, increase to \$246,523.00.

b. Adopt Resolution 2024-013 Appointing Election Judges for Primary & General Elections

c. Adopt Resolution 2024-014 Approving Changes to Signatories

d. Adopt Amendments to Resolutions 2024-002 & 2024-003 Change Staff Appointments

e. Approve the Fire Relief Associations Request for Cost Analysis to Join PERA SVF Plan

7. Council & Committee Reports

a. Council member Gaertner - Red Rooster meeting update

Minutes:

Council member Gaertner reported there will be no street dance or family fun day at this years Red Rooster Days. Moving the date of the event was also discussed and the committee will be moving forward with deciding a new date for future years event. 1750 chicken halves will be ordered, and this year's Grand Marshall will be the entire Fire Department in recognition of receiving the Commodores Award last year.

b. Council member Landrus - DC Trail Board meeting update

Minutes:

Council Member Landrus reported that he and Cindy Miller each walked a portion of the trail. The portion from Dassel to the edge of Spring Lake is deteriorating faster than the rest of the trail. The options to repair or replace sections of the trail were discussed and it was decided that not action will be taken at this time. The next meeting will be on August 1, 2024, the Board will walk and examine the trail to determine a maintenance schedule.

c. Council member Sombke - HPC hearing update & minutes

Minutes:

Council member Sombke reported that 2 members of the public and the property owner were present for the public hearing on the Kauffman House property. The application will now be advanced to the Planning Commission and Council for local historic designation.

8. Staff Reports

a. Museum Director

Minutes:

Director Holje reviewed the monthly report and stated they are needing to have the event center repainted and are getting quotes to have that done as well as changing out some bulbs to help with the lighting problem in the room.

b. Liquor Store Manager

Minutes:

Manager Moy reviewed her monthly report stating sales were up from the previous month. The new computer system was recently installed and is working well.

c. Fire Chief

Minutes:

Chief Johnson reported 37 calls for the month of May, of which 17 were within the city limits and 168 year to date. The department did receive a \$3,500 DNR grant.

d. Public Works Director

Minutes:

Moy reviewed his monthly report. He stated MnDOT contacted him to inquire if they could park a job trailer at the water tower property. He will be getting more information before making a decision. A representative for Dairy Berry days contacted him requesting the closure of Atlantic Ave from 3rd to 4th on June 27th.

Motion by Gaertner, seconded by Sombke to close that portion to Atlantic Ave W for Dairy Berry Days. Motion carried.

e. City Engineer

Minutes:

Engineer Mitchell Lease reported there will be a precon meeting next week with an updated schedule for the 3rd St sidewalk project. They will do the 3rd St sidewalk and the Public Works parking lot first then move to the City Hall and Liquor store parking lots. Newsletters will go out to those along 3rd Street with info and the contractor will coordinate with business owners.

MnDOT project will consist of 3 phases. Phase one will be from Litchfield to Darwin, Phase two will be from Darwin to the East side of the intersection of 12/15, both phases scheduled in 2024 and Phase 3 from 12/15 to Cokato in 2025. The intersection of 12/15 is scheduled to be closed from July 9-19th. MnDOT has been asked if the driveway to the Liquor Store could be done this year due to the new asphalt in the parking lot.

f. City Clerk / Treasurer

Minutes:

Clerk Boese gave her farewell speech thanking the businesses and residents she has had the opportunity to work with over the past 12 1/2 years. Boese reviewed her monthly report, her retirement party will be held at the Dassel History Center July 6th 1-4 pm, everyone is invited.

Peter Meidel, Northland Securities reviewed the bond sale summary. 15-year term with a City contribution of \$151,091. Northland Securities purchased the bonds directly with a final maturity date of 2040, at a rate of 5.56% TIC (true interest cost). Actual bond interest rate is 5.25%, if the City does not refinance in 7 years the total principal and interest will be \$545,000.

Motion by Gaertner, seconded by Landrus to approve resolution 2024-015. Motion carried.

Clerk Boese requested a public hearing be scheduled to address the nuisance at 520 Simon Ave W at the July 15th City Council meeting.

g. City Attorney

Minutes:

Schedule a Special Meeting to address Cannabis for June 24th at 6:00 pm.

h. Sheriff's Department

Minutes:

Deputy Defries reported a total of 85 calls for the month of May. A new deputy has been assigned to Dassel may be starting mid-July, His name is Deputy Jason Kelly.

9. Business Items

a. Adopt Resolution 2024-016 Fire Department Donation

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Motion by Landrus, seconded by Sombke to adopt resolution 2024-016 accepting \$20,000 donation from the Dassel Fire Relief Association. Motion carried.

b. Boese - Annual review (final)

Minutes:

Meeting closed at 8:51 pm to perform Clerk Boese's final annual performance evaluation. Meeting reconvened at 9:26 pm with Boese successfully completing her final performance evaluation.

10. Adjourn

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Motion by Landrus, seconded by Sombke to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Motion carried.