

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Mayor Hungerford at 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2019 at the Dassel City Hall.

Mayor Hungerford led the opening Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Carlson, Hollaran, Hallquist, Weseloh and Mayor Hungerford (5)
Absent: None (0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Carlson to approve the February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes with one correction. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Karla Lundin, Meeker County HRA requested Council support for the HRA to become an LLC and transition the 17 Dassel apartments from public housing to voucher units. She explained it would be a benefit to both the HRA and the residents.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hungerford to support the Meeker County HRA, Dassel Apartments transition from public housing to voucher units through HUD. Motion carried unanimously.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$138,795.07
- B. Adopt Cable Ordinance #01-2019; Franchise Ordinance #02-2019; & Resolution 2019-009 Approving Summary Publication of the Ordinances
- C. Adopt Resolution 2019-010 Application to MN Public Facilities Authority
- D. Approve 2020 Fire Department budget
- E. Approve Exempt Gambling Permit for Cokato Dassel Lions Club on October 12, 2019

Motion by Hallquist, seconded by Hollaran to approve consent agenda items A-E listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Red Rooster 2018 Profit & Loss report and the 2019 Preliminary Budget. Mayor Hungerford invited anyone who is interested in volunteering for the event to attend the next meeting on May 2nd.

Council member Weseloh reported on the Red Rooster meeting, selection of T-shirts and all past Ambassador's will be invited to ride in the 60th annual parade. He and Council member Hallquist also attended the League's Experienced Officials conference recently.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer

Clerk Boese reported on the following upcoming meetings and informational items:

- A. Discover Dassel meeting, Tue, Mar 19th at 5 pm, Dassel History Center
- B. DAHS Board meeting, Tue, Mar 26th at 10 am, Dassel History Center
- C. Annual City Audit starts on Mon, Apr 1st

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- D. Park & Rec Board meeting, Tue, Apr 2nd, 5:30 pm, Dassel City Hall
- E. Dept Head meeting, Wed, Apr 10th, 7 am, City Shop
- F. Board of Appeals & Equalization meeting, Apr 12th, 9 am-2 pm, Meeker County Court House
- G. Public Hearing – Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance, Mon, Apr 15th, 7 pm, Dassel City Hall
- H. Update on the 2018 elections and upcoming 2020 elections from Barb Loch, Meeker County Auditor

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to approve adding the Timecard Module from Banyon at a cost of \$3,490 from capital outlay 101-41000-500. Motion carried with Carlson voting no.

Motion by Hungerford, seconded by Weseloh to accept the \$10,000 MN DOT Partnership Grant and proceed with the project this spring. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney

Attorney Greenley presented the 2 on-sale intoxicating liquor ballot questions for Council review and approval. The Council discussed adding additional language to question number 1 to further clarify 'closing time Saturday night'.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to approve the 2 Liquor Ballot questions presented, with additional language to be provided by the City Attorney, and schedule a special election on August 12, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Greenley presented the Historic Preservation Ordinance for the Council's final review prior to the Public Hearing scheduled on April 15th.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hollaran to approve the new alcohol policy/application for the Dassel Event Center and History Museum as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Johnson reported 60 calls year to date. The Fire Department will be conducting surveys among the contracted areas and members to determine the future direction of the department.

New batteries for the portable radios have been received and installed.

Liquor Store Manager

Manager Vetsch reported gross sales for February of \$77,335.16, which is an increase of 4%. February sales were great considering the weather. They are ready to move into the spring and summer seasons.

Museum Director

Mayor Hungerford reviewed the Museum Director's report on grant projects: window restoration; scanning photos; and lighting evaluation. The Meeker County Heritage Preservation group on marketing opportunities using Dan Hoisington's evaluation. The Seed Corn Dioramas will be opening Saturday, April 20th along with early Dassel photos. Fungus Amoungus competed in Austin on March 15th and 16th and won Best of Festival and will compete in Aberdeen, SD in April.

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Public Works Department

Director Otten reviewed the current issues with well #1. Last year it was pumping 142 gpm and after the annual pump test this year it is down to 70 gpm. It will be necessary to rehab this well or drill a new well in the near future.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to accept the low bid of \$8,065.47 from Crysteel Truck & Equipment for a Protech 16' snow pusher with Volvo coupler from line item 101-41000-504 PW Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hollaran to approve Ahlgren Electric bid of \$800 to complete the electrical installation of the lift at the city shop. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hungerford, seconded by Carlson to approve the Waverly Lock bid in the amount of \$1,625.00 from 602-49450-404 to rekey the city shops, water and wastewater buildings, lift stations and sheds to be keyed alike. Motion carried unanimously.

City Engineer

Clerk Boese reviewed the Meeker County Ditch Reviewer's meeting she attended with Engineer DeWolf. The County will be assessing benefited properties contributing to runoff water in County Ditch #8. The Reviewers plan to assess 300 acres to the City of Dassel. Additional information will be provided as the project proceeds.

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Sheriff Bondhus reported 74 calls for the month of February. He reported that Deputy Hare is home and doing well after her recent car accident.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Weseloh to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Ronald Hungerford
Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer