

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DASSEL CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
DASSEL CITY HALL**

The Regular Meeting of the Dassel City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Carlson at 7:00 p.m. on June 17, 2019 at the Dassel City Hall.

Acting Mayor Carlson led the opening Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Council members Carlson, Hallquist, and Weseloh (3)

Absent: Council member Hollaran and Mayor Hungerford (2)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Weseloh seconded by Hallquist to approve the May 20, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Dan Ward, owner of Thirsty's Tavern addressed the Council in regard to the special election scheduled on August 13th. He asked residents to vote in support of allowing on-sale liquor licenses. He stated on-sale licenses means better control and a safer community than setup licenses which allow patrons to pour their own liquor. He stated if the vote doesn't pass he would have to close the tavern as he isn't able to compete with the neighboring cities who allow on-sale liquor.

Elicia Brantley requested permission to close a portion of Third St on August 31st to sell food outside as part of the Red Rooster Day events.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to allow Elicia Brantley, Sunrise Diner to close the west side of Third Street from the alley to Atlantic Ave on August 31st between 2 pm and Sunday morning, September 1st, pending approval by the Department of Health. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Oberg, Grande Day Parade Chairman reminded the Council which streets would be closed before and during the parade on Saturday, August 31st for the Red Rooster Parade. He requested assistance from the Council on judging the floats and the Sheriff's office in closing streets and monitoring traffic.

ADDITIONS/OMISSIONS TO AGENDA

Add: 8A. Department Reports, Clerk/Treasurer – Resolution 2019-011 update authorized city signers and Casey's General Stores 3.2% License Renewal Application.

Motion by Hallquist, seconded by Weseloh to approve the agenda with the two additions listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve payment of claims in the amount of \$243,979.99

B. Approve Wine & Strong Beer License renewal application for Thirsty's Tavern.

Motion by Hallquist, seconded by Weseloh to approve consent agenda items A & B as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Clerk/Treasurer

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

1. Discover Dassel meeting, Tue, June 18th at 5 pm, Dassel History Center
2. DAHS Board meeting, Tue, June 25th at 10 am, Dassel History Center
3. DC Trail Committee meeting, Thu, Jul 11th at 5 pm, Dassel City Hall

Other/Action Items

1. **Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to accept the quote of \$3,067 from Tri-County Flooring for replacing the carpet in the library from account 101-41000-500 General Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Carlson to accept the quote of \$2049.90 from Computer Samurai for the purchase of new Apple iPads to replace the existing council laptops. Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to adopt Resolution 2019-011 Approving Changes to Signatories. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion by Carlson, seconded by Hallquist to approve Casey's General Stores 3.2% License Renewal Application pending the receipt of all required paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Transferred \$500,000 to the 4M Plus savings account on June 10th. I have requested a better interest rate with Perennial Bank if the city's accounts stay under the FDIC insurance threshold.
6. The State Demographers estimate for April, 2018 is 581 households and population of 1470. (Population increase of 16 from 2017) The population in 2010 was 1469.
7. Recently completed a property audit with the League of MN Cities loss control consultant. We toured city and the city shop buildings. She was impressed with the cleanliness and organization of the shops. I have not received her final report yet, but we have a couple of items to address in the buildings, both minor fixes.
8. The Council reviewed the August 13, 2019 Special Election Ballot containing two city liquor questions.

City Attorney

Attorney Greenley presented an update on the Use Agreement between the City and the Historical Society. The agreement must be approved by the Minnesota Commissioner of Finance prior to being adopted by the Council and the Historical Society Board. Greenley will update the agreement and review it with the City Clerk and Museum Director before sending it to the state for approval.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Johnson reported 19 calls for May, and a total of 131 year-to-date. They are down 28 calls from 2018. The French toast breakfast raised approximately \$3,500. He stated they did not receive the grant from Centerpoint Energy.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to accept Josh Pelant's resignation from the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson provided an update on the new fire truck. The truck committee found a 2019 Ford Expedition with lights and rollout for a cost of \$75,000. The committee is recommending using the remaining \$25,000 to remodel the building to accommodate the additional truck. The Council agreed and asked that Johnson bring an estimate for remodeling to the next meeting.

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Liquor Store Manager

Acting Mayor Carlson reviewed the monthly liquor store report, which showed gross sales for May of \$119,647.00, which were slightly less than May, 2018. They are hoping to keep the momentum going into summer.

Museum Director

Director Holje reported on the following projects and happenings at the History Center:

Grants:

33 windows have been repaired and installed. 1800 photos have been scanned from our collection. Lighting Evaluation –Consultant came for the second time and walked through his recommendations from the previous visit. At this second visit DAHS volunteer Chuck Ailie, a retired electrician, was there as well. He was wonderful and understood everything. Some new ideas came through. We will get a final report and then decide what would work financially.

Hire Consultant:

DAHS has hired a consultant to help with telling the stories of the Dassel area. First meeting June 11.

Happenings:

Celebrating Summer, Scandinavian Dancers, Saturday, June 22, 3 p.m. from Minneapolis/St. Paul. A mini smorgasbord. Elaine Nordlie, Dassel, and Dave and Sharon Borg, former of Cokato, are members of the group. There is no admission charge.

“The Red Wheelbarrow” Wingding and Art Sale and Exhibit opens June 29 at 6:30.

More than 10 visual artists – painters, fiber artists, potters – have all interpreted the same poem, “The Red Wheelbarrow by William Carlos Williams. The opening will include, art, music, poetry, light hors d’oeuvres, beverages and fun. There is no admission charge. A wine and beer cash bar will be available.

Memorial Day Coffee at the History Center following the Memorial Day Service at the Dassel Cemetery was a success. Actually the whole service was in the event center because it was raining.

Summer Music Jam – First jam went well. Audiences are encouraged. Mondays, June 17, July 29, and Aug 26, Come and join the fun – keyboards, voices, other instruments. Everyone welcome.

Cool It at the Mushroom. Thursday evenings, 6-8:30. Beginning date June 13, not happening on July 4. *Sculpture of the Brodin Brothers – Rodger, John and Neil* exhibited through June 15. Visitors are enjoying it.

Seed Corn: from Maize to Amazing and Manthei Farm Dioramas exhibited through Labor Day.

Rentals

Very busy season for rentals, three graduations in one weekend. That was interesting, but it worked well.

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Public Works Department

Director Otten presented the following departmental information:

Street Department-

- I have got more pot hole patch in so we are still working on that as we can.
- Street sweeping is coming along we have been sweeping periodically to allow us to keep up on other tasks as well.

Water Dept. / Water Plant-

- We have had some issues with the water plant this month, the filter backwash system had a technical glitch that had to be repaired and I had to order a new Chlorine booster pump for one of the high service pumps as it failed due to its age.

Sewer Department-

- Digging will begin soon on opening up the broken line leaving the storm water pond on the south side of town. The water has been pumped down as far as can be. We will get the jetter truck in to clean the line, as soon as possible, and video it so we know which areas need to be repaired.
- Irrigating is going well, we have not been able to use one of the pivots due to water standing by the head and the wheels getting stuck.
- The dock was put in and is doing its job nicely.
- Some of the irrigation heads have been replaced or repaired. We have two spots that will need to be dug to be repaired but everything else is in working order.

Buildings/ Equipment-

- We had to have a small repair on one of the mowers done at Kubota.

City Engineer

DeWolf provided an update on the County Ditch #8 Reviewers meeting. The County has determined that the City share of the estimated \$10,000 repair will be \$3,570. The last time there was a determination done was in the 1800's. They added a large portion of land to the west which includes most of the south side of the City of Dassel.

Motion by Weseloh, seconded by Hallquist to award the contract for the water plant rehab project to the low bidder, Municipal Builders Inc, Annandale for a contract amount of \$2,012,000.00 contingent upon PFA funding the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Report

Deputy Bondhus reviewed the Sheriff's report which showed 72 calls for the month of May.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. The Council will hold a workshop at 5:30 p.m. on July 15, 2019 to review and discuss the proposed changes to the Nuisance Ordinance.
- B. The Council reviewed the proposed Sign Ordinance at the workshop meeting prior to the regular meeting and agreed on numerous changes. It was agreed that the City Attorney will finalize the changes and a public hearing will be held to adopt the ordinance on July 15, 2019.

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

ATTEST:

Andrew Carlson
Acting Mayor

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer