

The Dallas Center City Council met in regular session April 8, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Hambleton called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance. Council members present included Kim Cross, Bill Ellerman, Dan Willrich, Alex MacConnell and Gary Stevens.

The agenda was amended to move item #22 – discussion on City insurance coverage and possible action to increase deductible, bond and umbrella limits after item #11 – discussion and possible action on curbside recycling. Motion by Cross, 2nd by Willrich to approve revised agenda. All ayes.

Motion by Stevens, 2nd by Ellerman to approve consent agenda (minutes of March 11th regular and March 24th special meetings, March treasurer’s report, March police, fire/rescue, and water reports, approve invoices for payment [Review Committee – Stevens and MacConnell], approve hiring T. Irving as pool manager at \$11.00/hr, approve grant application for Pioneer, Libri Foundation – we have received this one with the Friends providing \$350 in matching funds for a 2/1 ratio (approximately \$1000 in children’s books), approve Park Board grant applications for the following grants: Pioneer, Dallas County Foundation, Ahrens Foundation). All ayes.

EFTPS	March w/holding	2,311.02
IPERS	IPERS	2,363.25
Mediacom	March serv	45.95
Truenorth Companies	April ins premium	5,131.08
Verizon Wireless	March serv	71.35
Joey Marchant	Supplies	2.53
Acco Unlimited	Training, supplies	527.88
Baker & Taylor Co.	Books/movies	973.34
Brickner, Sue	Training	28.79
Casey’s General Store	March serv	261.34
Creceilius, Scott	Jan-March fire calls	180.00
Culligan Water System	March serv	22.83
Dallas County News	Publications	129.16
Dust-Tex Service	March serv	61.40
EFTPS	April w/holding	2,486.14
Frank Dunn	Repairs	252.00
Mary Anne Grieve	Supplies	207.00
Heartland Co-op	March serv	963.18
IA Assoc of Municipal Util	Dues	433.39
IA Communications Network	March serv	4.30
Koch Brothers	Repairs	177.04
LGI	Tests	271.50
Luellen Brothers	Snow removal	57.50
Brown, Fagen & Rouse	April retainer	1,200.00
Merritt Company	March serv	409.00
MidAmerican Energy	March serv	4,510.23
MPS Engineers	Plug monitoring wells	2,015.00
Municipal Supply	Repairs	3,867.18
EMC National Life	May ins premium	173.39
Northway Well & Pump	Well cleaning	3,552.00
Nationwide Retirement	Deferred comp	226.00
North American Salt	Salt	2,137.79
Payment Remittance	Supplies/postage	2,689.62
Petersen, Shirley	Training	90.00
Praxair Distribution	Supplies	45.30
Qwest	March serv	888.08
Riesselman, Cindy	Training	21.00
Sandry Fire Supply	Repairs	1,539.00

Scholastic	Books	145.20
Spring Valley Radio	Repairs, supplies	704.99
Treasurer, State of Iowa	March state w/holding	764.08
Treasurer, State of Iowa	March sales tax	1,684.68
Veenstra & Kimm	Engineering serv	66.00
Waste Management	March serv	10,264.05
Werch, Mary	Supplies/mileage	339.41
Whimsical Flowers	Keltner funeral	29.50
Daniel Case	Jan-March fire calls	330.00
Jonathan Cross	Jan-March fire calls	160.00
Marvin Flory	Jan-March fire calls	160.00
Zachary Funk	Jan-March fire calls	70.00
S. Alan Hawbaker	Jan-March fire calls	40.00
Mark Hersch	Jan-March fire calls	70.00
Amy Hofland	Jan-March fire calls	390.00
Joel Hofland	Jan-March fire calls	300.00
Eric Kallem	Jan-March fire calls	20.00
Delvin Myers	Jan-March fire calls	250.00
Richard Oberembt	Jan-March fire calls	100.00
Matthew Price	Jan-March fire calls	100.00
Mitch Price	Jan-March fire calls	430.00
Ronald Steilen	Jan-March fire calls	80.00
Cynthia Oberembt	Jan-March fire calls	220.00
Ruth Flory	Jan-March fire calls	120.00
Devon Keller	Jan-March fire calls	40.00
Dwaine Keller	Jan-March fire calls	70.00
Dallas Home Builders	Bins/shelves	6,300.00
Mercy Clinics	Hofland workers comp	1,000.00
Plumb Service	Repairs	107.81
Boyer Petroleum	Supplies	305.20
Cottage Living	Subscription	24.00

Motion by Willrich, 2nd by Cross to approve hiring life lifeguards Kelsey Levenhagen at \$8.00/hr, Laura Perkins at \$8.00/hr, Sydney Nammany at \$7.75/hr, Alex Madole at \$8.00/hr, Kirsten Gustafson at \$7.75/hr, Katie Balk at \$8.25/hr, Cara Crawford at \$8.00/hr, and Jill Ziskovsky at \$8.00/hr; assistant managers Molly McCormick at \$8.75/hr and Kellen Yeager at \$8.75/hr; Kelcie Roberts at \$7.50/hr pending completion of her certification; and to remove the names of Dylan Irving and Kindra Roberts due to the City's policy regarding relatives working in the same department. All ayes.

Public Communications – Tom Barrett of 27690 S. Avenue, Dallas Center was present to thank the council for their support regarding opposition to airport Site G. Also asked the council to consider a joint resolution with Waukee regarding opposition to the airport.

Luke Little gave an update of the Neighborhood in Dallas Center. They plan to begin construction on another smaller house this spring. He invites the council to go and see the progress on the houses. Luke also mentioned that if the airport goes in, the jets will fly directly over Dallas Center and it would be noisy.

Motion by Stevens, 2nd by Ellerman to not grant an extension on the building permit for Jerry Vos at 703 Percival and to require a new permit and fees. All ayes.

Discussion on tree at Flaherty residence 606 15th Street. Mr. Flaherty has contacted the DNR to come out and inspect the tree, they won't be available until June. According to the street superintendent the tree is hollow and leaning toward the homeowner's property. Council suggested the homeowner have the DNR come out in June.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by MacConnell to allow pool board to spend an additional \$6000 this fiscal year for pool equipment and repairs bringing the total expenditures this fiscal year to \$9000. All ayes.

David Cross stated that there are parts on the west side of 230th Street that are a hazard. He feels 95% of the damage is from garbage trucks and he would like to see a weight limit on 230th. Shon with Waste Management was present and assured the council that the truck for Cross developments is empty when it begins the route. He also stated the trucks are 40,000 pounds empty, and have four axles to distribute the weight. Kim Cross asked if Waste Management could use a smaller truck, Waste Management made her aware that with the smaller trucks all of the weight is in the rear, which is even harder on roads. Ellerman stated he respectfully disagreed with David Cross, that many streets and roads in town and in the entire County are bad. He feels much of the problem with 230th was caused from a bad frost boil. He stated it's a bad situation but feels that Waste Management is doing a good job. The council directed public works employees to put rock on the hill of the western section of 230th Street to fill in some of the ruts.

Mayor Hambleton stated the recycle bins should not be located in a residential neighborhood. If the bins are full, people just leave their waste beside the bins and it blows onto surrounding properties. Curbside recycling would eliminate the problem with the bins. Ellerman does not care to pursue curbside recycling at this time, he will talk to Heartland Co-op. The council will discuss possible single stream recycling next year.

Motion by Cross, 2nd by Stevens to increase our insurance property deductible to \$5,000 for a savings of \$517/yr, increase umbrella policy limit to \$5 million for an increase of \$2,277/yr, and to increase our crime policy to \$1 million with a \$10,000 deductible for an increase of \$993/yr. All ayes.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by MacConnell to approve Resolution 2008-19 – approving Person Ranch Minor Subdivision. Roll call: 5-0.

Water Storage Improvements Project – engineer informed the council that the DNR will have their environmental clearing complete by June. We will aim for an October 2009 completion and have contractors bid on two styles – multi leg and pedestal.

Motion by Willrich, 2nd by MacConnell to approve Resolution 2008-14 – Ordering Construction of the Project (Water Storage Improvements) and setting public hearing (May 13) and date for receipt of bids (May 7). Roll call: 5-0.

Motion by Stevens, 2nd by Ellerman to set public hearing to review application for SRF loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project (Water Storage Improvements) plan – May 13th. All ayes.

Council reviewed the seal coat map. Motion by Willrich, 2nd by MacConnell to accept the bid of \$1.43/sq yd for single seal coat according to the map of the City center portion only. Roll call ayes- Cross, Willrich, MacConnell and Stevens, nay - Ellerman. Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by Stevens to sealcoat the stabilized areas only of 230th Street. All ayes. Cross made a clarification that she understood the motion to include the work for the City to stabilize 230th Street, per Ellerman that was not the motion. Motion by Cross to have the City take the appropriate steps to stabilize 230th Street. Motion died from lack of a 2nd.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by MacConnell to approve Ordinance No. 381 – creating a Storm Water Drainage Utility and establishing rules, regulations and fees for its operation, maintenance and capital expenses, third reading. Roll call: 5-0.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by Willrich to approve Resolution No. 2008-17 establishing areas of the corporate limits initially exempt from the Storm Water Drainage Utility monthly fee. Roll call: 5-0.

Motion by Cross, 2nd by Willrich to approve Ordinance No. 383 – increasing sewer rates, second reading. Roll call: 5-0.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by Willrich to waive the third reading, making the Ordinance effective upon publication. Roll call: 5-0.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by Stevens to set public hearing on Orley and Debra Brown's application for voluntary annexation – May 13th. All ayes.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by MacConnell to approve Resolution No. 2008-18 approving easement from Little Family Farms Corporation. Roll call: 5-0.

Council discussed voluntary annexation, Bill expressed concern regarding costs to the City. Council member MacConnell stepped out at 8:58 PM and returned at 9:00 PM. The council would like to set up a meeting with property owners to see what their questions and/or concerns are regarding voluntary annexation.

Motion by Willrich, 2nd by MacConnell to approve Resolution No. 2008-12 – approving Grant Twp. 28E Agreement for Fire Protection. Roll call 5-0.

Motion by Ellerman, 2nd by MacConnell to send Grace Homes a revised utility bill in the amount of \$250 for the property at 1101 8th Street. All ayes.

City would like to redesign the website with a completion of March 2009. The City will request an official proposal from Aztec Signs.

Motion by Cross, 2nd by Stevens to authorize the mayor to sign the Law Day Proclamation. All ayes.

Motion by Stevens, 2nd by MacConnell to set special meeting date in June to approve final invoices for fiscal year 2007/2008 – June 24th at 7:00 PM. All ayes.

Last week's Economic Development meeting has been rescheduled to April 16th at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

Willrich stated he has talked to a landscape designer regarding the bike trail and Main Street. The designer would possibly do some conceptual work pro bono. There has been discussion of a possible trail head with restrooms by the library.

Ellerman reported on the ISEP meeting he attended and that the county's plan for R16 repairs would be five years out. Dallas Center's portion of R16 could cost \$215,000 to \$220,000. Stevens reported that the Fire Department grant match went from 10% to 5%.

Hambleton stated that he will be attending a Vision Iowa Negotiation Meeting in the near future regarding the bike trail and he will be attending a mayor's meeting on April 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31PM.

Cindy Riesselman, City Clerk