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Announcements

City Hall Closed:

options to pay your utility bill online!

December 24, 25; January 1, 2021
• The City of Dundas has several

You can pay or view your bill from anywhere 24/7. Don't want to pay online? No problem! Use the toll free number 877-885-7968 to make your payment via phone call. There is also an option to go paperless. For any question call the toll free number. Note: Check payments made online, through PSN app or by automated phone services are "free". A nominal convenience fee applies to all other payment method and channels, including payments made by phone call with a live representation.

• City of Dundas and COVID 19: Memorial Park Pavilion Rentals will no longer be taken for 2020. Parks and Playgrounds are open. Play structures are not being sanitized, play at your own risk. Please continue to adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

City Council – Initial / Regular Meeting Monday, January 4, 2021 7:00 p.m. Virtual/Online Meeting

Park & Recreational Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 12 7:00 p.m. Virtual/Online Meeting

Do you have an announcement? Email:

hometownmessenger@gmail.com

Memories of Christmas Past



Here are some stories told by residents of the nursing homes in our community about their childhood memories of Christmas.

Margaret grew up on a farm close to Nerstrand. Her parents milked cows and it was one of Margaret's jobs to wash the milking machine parts every day. There was lots of work on the farm and she had a younger sister but Margaret did more of the work outside. She had to walk to school in town every morning and would cross the railroad tracks on the edge of town. She

would hear the locomotive chugging up the long grade from Dennison as it made its way toward Kenyon, a big city in her young mind. Their neighbor would haul milk to the creamery and drop off their daughter at school on the way each morning, but Margaret made her way on foot through the cold and quiet December mornings dressed in warm clothes and carrying the lunch that her grandma had made.

As a young girl Margaret believed their family had everything they could want. Nerstand had a clothing store, a grocery store, a hardware store, the meat market and two cafes. The farm family even had a telephone, a party line.

The phone at each house had a special ring that let you know the call was for you, and you always knew when the neighbors got a phone call as well.

And if you were real careful you could pick up the receiver and listen in. But that was not nice. They had a piano at their house and she took lessons from a neighbor

would hear the locomotive chugging up the lady and cultivated a love of music that last-long grade from Dennison as it made its ed a lifetime.

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Bierman Home Furnishing Downtown Northfield Store to Close Dec. 31



The Bierman Home Furnishing Store, which has occupied the same space on the corner of Division and 5th Streets in Northfield for 125 years, will close its doors on December 31.

Robert Bierman said the company, family owned for three generations, will be consolidating operations to their flooring store on Highway 3 South.

The statement praised the store's staff and customer service, and said the company plans to "continue that heritage as we enter 2021 and add another year to our storied history of business in Northfield."

No word on what the plans are for the Bierman's downtown space, but the statement did say "exciting redevelopment plans" will be announced soon.

Northfield Schools announce 'Return to Campus' plan

Courtesy of KYMN Radio

The Northfield School District has announced a plan to return students to in-person or hybrid learning by February 2nd.

In a letter to District Families on Friday, Superintendent Dr. Matt Hillmann said the Return to Campus plan is based on the latest guidance from the Governor's office that prioritizes in-person education for the youngest students, and incorporates the rolling start mandated by the state's Safe Learning Plan.

All students will remain in distance learning until January 13, at the earliest. After two days for teachers to plan and prepare, and another for the observance of Martin Luther King Day, early childhood, pre-school, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders will return to five-days-a-week on Tuesday, January 19. (continued on page 4)

Watch our website for updates.

Thank you for your support during this challenging time!

Merry Christmas!



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Religion - DUNDAS MESSENGER -

Christmas isn't **Cancelled!!!** Focus on Community

What are some things that make a great neighbor? This year more than ever; it will and is important for us to be good neighbors. To focus on our communities. Many of us are staying close to home this year for the holidays. Our calendars are aren't filling up with Christmas parties, sports, and school concerts, that usually typify a normal Christmas season. Even the church calendar is a little more subdued. Normally our schedules are so full we struggle to even enjoy the season. With everything around us cancelled- it is a great time to remember that Christmas is not and will never be cancelled, because Christmas doesn't depend on activities, but on a person, the person of Jesus Christ. He came to earth to be the ultimate 'good neighbor.' He was willing to come from heavendown to earth and become like the beings that He had created. He went from creator of the universe to become one of the created! He became a neighbor, a part of the community. He became one of us beginning as a baby. Isaiah wrote about his coming in chapters 7:14, "All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). God would send us a child- born of a virgin- and this 'baby' would be God himselfhe would be "God with us!" God wrote Himself into the story of our lives. For all humankind God became one of us and He continues even now to be 'God with us.' He became the central character of our world and history. Now the one that created us and has given us life is with us in the midst of our lives and stays with us until our life in Him is completed His way, in His time for His glory. He chose to become a part of the entire world's history to become man and live within a community.

We are called to Love God and to Love our neighbors. To love and be a part of our communities. For 2020 we've had to stay closer to home and slow our lives down. Our calendars aren't as full, and we have a lot more time in our homes- at least most of us. For those that are in the health profession, many of them are working more and longer hours. And many in other essential services continue as well. But the rest of us have less activities on our schedule than previous Christmas seasons. There are those that want to tell us that Christmas is cancelled this year and that couldn't be further from the truth. This Christmas may be the one that brings us home to experience a Christmas filled with the true meaning of Christmas. What does it look like to love our neighbors? What does it look like during this pandemic to love others more than we love ourselves? Christmas is not Cancelled! Christmas is a time for us to focus on our communities more- to be good neighbors. Christmas is a time for us to live out our faith and be ready to share the reason for our faith. Jesus came to give us hope. Jesus came to be "with Us." With you, with me. He calls us as believers to share ourselves with others—to point people to Him. We do that by loving Him, and Loving People. Here are 10 ideas to Love our neighbors:

- Check in. If you have elderly or mobility-challenged neighbors, give them a to find out if they're doing okay or if they need any help.
- Donate good winter clothes. I realize we are already in our winter here in SE MN, but our clothing closet is running short on winter hats and mittens, snow pants and coats. If you are talented in making mittens, hats, or scarves those are great additions to clothing closets and homeless shel-
- Feed the hungry. Spread some warmth by donating hot, nutritious meals to neighbors in your community that may be housebound and unable to get out for supplies. Donate to the local food shelf- Zumbro Valley Food Shelf or Mazeppa, Oronoco or Elgin. Money is always appreciated and there is always a need for volunteers.
- Clear your snow. For those of you in town, be mindful that walking on snow and ice can be dangerous, so clear your driveway and sidewalk as soon as you can after a snowfall to keep everyone passing by as safe as possible.
- Know who to call. If you see someone who is out in the cold and in need of help, you can get them the care they need much faster when you already know who to call. Keep the number of local homeless outreach programs in your phone so help is

always just a quick call away. The Landings (507) 884-0423 and the Salvation Army (507) 288-3663 are great resources for people in need.

- Stock your car with (blessing bags). Keep a few Ziplock bags filled with basic hygiene supplies and nutritious snacks to pass out to those who may need
- Go on a grocery run. If you're heading out to pick up supplies, call neighbors to find out if there's anything you can pick up for them, so they don't have to venture out in the cold weather.
- Adopt a family. Find out if any local organizations have holiday program in support of lower-income families who need a bit of support to celebrate the holidays. Christmas Anonymous in Plainview is taking applications for people to adopt families as well.

Lots of great ways to encourage and to support and help your community. Jesus said he came to bring good news to the poor-we can do that... share the true meaning of Christmas with our neighbors through our actions! Jesus said he came to set the captive free- we can help those that feel confined to their homes but calling them and reminding them that they are not alone, and that we care. We can encourage and pray for those that are stuck and are feeling alone. The first thing we can be a part of to show that , "Christmas Is Not Cancelled!" is to Love our neighbors. To serve and to find ways to bless them this Christmas season "God is with us.' Jesus is still with us. Jesus calls us to focus on God, and on others. As we begin this Christmas season, I trust we will not be focusing on all the things that have changed, all the activities we can't do, but instead focus on bringing God's love and joy to our communities.

God is with us Christmas Is Not Cancelled!!!



The King's Grace

Scripture Reading — Revelation 22:12-21
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. — Revelation 22:21

It has been said that the last pages of our Bible bend around to touch the first pages. They bring full circle the one big story of God's love and salvation of the world. In the beginning, God the King creates the world and proclaims it good, good, very good. "Good" is the most important word describing God and God's world in the beginning.

But much that unfolds later in this story—and in our world—is not good. There is sinful rebellion, guilt, shame, corruption, violence, injustice, and disintegration. The world is broken, and we feel it in the depths of our souls. The world's history books and the daily news proclaim it unceasingly. But

unceasing too in the Bible's big story is something that transforms and redeems all this brokenness:

grace.

The King's grace is a phrase often used to refer to a king's favor or presence or to simply a king himself. In the Bible, it is finally the King's grace that gets the last word. Grace comes in the person and work of King Jesus. He is the one who is King of kings and Lord of lords. The first chapter of the Bible proclaims, "Good." The last chapter proclaims what is greater still: "Grace." God's big story moves from good to grace.

Whatever we face in terms of struggle, guilt, or sorrow, the King's grace gets the last word. The King's grace is the world's—and our—great hope!

King's grace is the world's-and our-great hope!

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with all God's people. Amen.

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Community

Support Local Businesses this Holiday Season



Tim Penny So. MN Initiative Foundation

This time of year is traditionally a time of giving. Minnesotans in particular are known for their charitable contributions – a fact that was solidified recently during Give to the Max Day when Minnesotans set a record by giving more than \$30 million to local schools and nonprofits. In addition to November being a charitable time of year, it is also the launch of the holiday shopping season. At Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) we know that Minnesotans will extend their generosity by supporting local businesses during this particularly difficult year.

At SMIF, we know that small businesses are the backbone of our communities and local economy, and for many of them, this is a critical time to help keep them afloat. In addition to safely shopping at retailers that are still open, we know that many people will be buying gifts online. While online shopping has historically been an easy way to purchase items that are not available locally, this year it will be important to find ways to use that platform to purchase gifts from local places. Buying gift cards from places like restaurants, breweries and fitness or yoga studios that are currently closed to the public is a great way to support them during this time. Many local retailers also have gift cards, online stores and curbside pickup as an option this year for those who would prefer to shop from home.

Local foods businesses are another dynamic sector that rely on the holiday shopping season as an important source of income.

This holiday season looks different for everyone in a lot of ways. When it comes to holiday shopping, please consider shopping local. These entrepreneurs are our friends and neighbors and we give thanks to them as they continue to contribute to the vibrancy of our region during this difficult time.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.



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Rice SWCD 2021 Tree Sale Open

The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that they are now accepting orders for the 2021 Rice SWCD Tree Sale. From shrubs to beautiful trees, the district has a great selection of species to meet the conservation needs of property owners. The trees may be planted in urban and rural areas for windbreaks, wildlife habitat, agroforestry, erosion control, and other conservation practices.

The Rice SWCD Tree Sale features twen-

ty-four species of trees and shrubs available for spring planting. New species available this year include Canaan Fir and Paper Birch. Most of the stock is bare-root, but a few potted evergreens are available. The district may also be able to special order species not listed on the order form.

Orders are taken from December into April on a first come first serve basis. Many species sell out, so after February 26th, please call for availability. The trees typically arrive around the second week of April. The district also offers tree mats, fertilizer packets, and other tree supplies that can help make your planting a success.

Again this year, tree orders can be placed online and be paid by credit card. Visit the Rice SWCD's online store at www.riceswcdonlinestore.com. A paper order form may

also be downloaded from the website. If you would like to receive a paper copy through the mail, please contact the Rice SWCD office at 507-332-5408.

If you are looking to restore your woodlot, windbreak, or want to create woodland habitat for wildlife or birds, please contact the Rice SWCD office for assistance with planning and implementation. District staff with backgrounds in forestry are available to answer any questions you may have regarding species selection and can help you make the right choice of trees and shrubs. Contact the district today!



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Northfield Schools announce 'Return to Campus' plan

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Grades 3-5 will be in distance learning until January 26. Three days of teacher prep and workshops will follow, and five-daysper-week of in-person learning will begin on Monday, February 1st.

Distance learning will continue at the Northfield Middle School and Northfield High School until January 28th. Teachers will have Friday January 29th and Monday February 1st for preparation, and the hybrid learning plan put in place last fall will resume on Tuesday, February 2nd.



The plan also says that High School Winter Athletics will begin on January 4th with a phased in approach. Dr. Hillmann said in his letter that while this is the plan, it is subject to change with minimal notice due to the unpredictable nature of the Coronavirus and the Covid-19 pandemic.



The holidays are our favorite time of year because it gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude and let each of you know just how very much we value your generous support.

We look forward to seeing you, soon!



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Holiday Plants and Their Meaning



Teri Knight

gardenbite

I thought it would be fun to share some tidbits on other holiday plants.

Ahhh but for 2021, Holly may be in our thoughts! Holly stands for good luck! The ancient Romans and Greeks were the first to deck their halls with boughs of holly.

Holly bushes always stay green, and need little to no maintenance, even during the harshest winters. For those of us in the northern climes, Winterberry holly is a native plant worth growing.

The ancients believed the bush was sacred. Romans would send holly wreaths to friends, family, and especially newlyweds gifts of goodwill and good wishes.

Mistletoe is known for romance, the kiss under the mistletoe! While the norse mythology isn't nearly as pleasant, today, kiss-

ing under the mistletoe today indicates forthcoming happiness and fertility.

Mistletoe is also said to be used in other unusual ways, such as placing it above a baby's bed for protection from evil spirits. A sprig placed under the pillow of a young girl is said to inspire the dreams of her future husband. Technically it's not the nicest plant as it's a parasite! Humans have had some interesting traditions through the centuries!!

The yew, with it's vivid red berries is a slow growing and low maintenance shrub. It's sprigs are lovely in fresh arrangements.

But there's a fascinating and long history behind the shrub. It is said to be one of the oldest shrub on Earth. The ancient Druids looked to the yew as a symbol of everlasting life, honoring it as a sacred plant. Throughout

European history, yews were planted in churchyards to symbolize a long life. Keep in mind, it's toxic to animals and humans. There are many types of yews.



Mistletoe hanging

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, www.gardenbite.com, that supplements her daily radio program which has aired Monday thru Friday on radio stations throughout Minnesota since 2007. In 2017, several stations in Wisconsin began airing her show. Teri's been involved in community projects which include a Junior Master Gardener program for 8 to 12 year olds, designing and planting a garden for a women's center and various other organizations! Besides all that, Teri is News Director at KYMN Radio and can be heard weekdays on AM 1080 and 95.1 FM The One, From Northfield, MN.





For something different

First Responder Equipment Placed in Dennison



Nerstrand Fire & Rescue placed First Responder equipment in service in the City of Dennison. In an effort to reduce response tmes during medical emergencies Nerstrand Fire worked with the City of Dennison to secure access and a location at City Hall to store equipment. This will allow firefighters who live in the Dennison area to quickly respond to calls in Dennison, Warsaw, and Holden to start care until an ambulance arrives. Thanks to the City of Dennison for supporting this project!



Memories of Christmas Past

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Christmas was a special time in her child-hood. Church was important to them and there was always a church service Christmas eve, where the children would put on a program. After returning home the kids were allowed to open their presents. Most were ordinary items like hand made clothes sewn by her mom and grandma. When she was nine years old Margaret recalls receiving a large doll as a Christmas

present along with handmade doll clothes. The girls would play and sing Christmas carols for the family. Her favorite was "O' Little Town of Bethlehem".

Christmas Day was a typical Scandinavian feast with lutefisk and lefse and many homemade cookies and treats. Her two uncles helped with the farm work and would join the family for the big meal. Her grandma was the official lefse maker, and Margaret couldn't wait to eat lefse fresh of the griddle with butter and brown sugar. And of course there was the famous Nerstrand bologna.

Audrey grew up near Berne where she lived with her brother on her grandparents farm. Christmas Eve they always had oyster stew. Grandpa would always go out to the

barn during supper to "help a cow have a calf" and that was when Santa showed up. Santa had a bag with unwrapped presents like cracker jacks and boxes of Lifesavers hard candy.

They would go to Christmas Eve church service at Berne and she remembers how beautiful it looked with candles lighting the windows

There was a Christmas tree at the church with presents underneath from Sunday School teachers and friends. The adults would take communion and then the families would head back home where there were more gifts waiting to be opened. They would go to Rochester shopping for the holidays at stores like Woolworths, Kreskes and Donaldsons at the Miracle Mile for gifts for her brother and grandparents.

Most years there were games, clothes or a toy like a pair of ice skates, but one year she knew she had a special gift and it was the best ever. It was easy to tell what it was because however you wrap a baton, it still looks like a baton. That gift got twirled a lot long before Christmas Eve arrived.

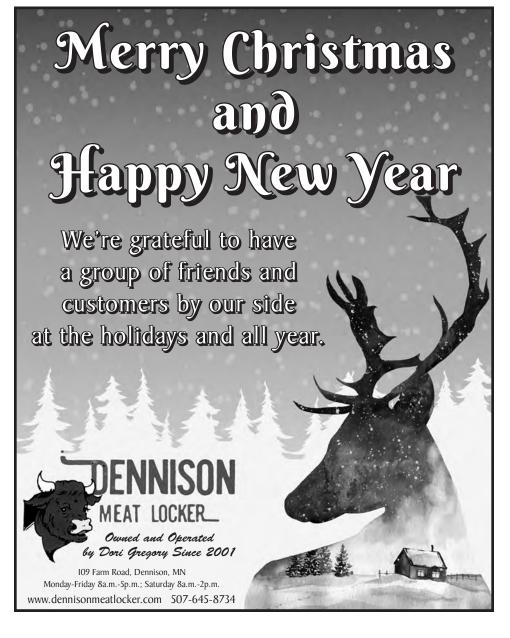
On Christmas Day it was off to dinner at the other grandparents. The weather was always cold with lots of snow but the house was full with uncles, aunts and family. The meal was full of Swiss goodies like "Big Nothings, Rossettes, pear bread and lots of sweets.

Dale grew up on a farm near Dodge Center where his parents raised crops. There were three boys and one girl in his family and he remembers it as a quiet time.

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Memories of Christmas Past

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His dad would cut a tree on the farm to decorate in the house.

They family went to church on Christmas Eve and he remembers the service with people standing up to talk and share things that were important to them during that season.

The family celebrated on Christmas Day and the children opened small gifts that were usually something they needed. Some were purchased and the rest were hand made.

Wanda was an only child and grew up in Texas on a big ranch with her parents and grandmother. She recalls that the farm house was big with lots of stairs and her dad would chop down a tree and bring it in but they didn't have many decorations on it. The elementary school she attended would have a Christmas tree as well. A lot of people worked on the ranch and would come over to the house for the holidays and her mother did lots of cooking.

The one present that stands out in her mind was the year she received a doll. The family would go to church on Christmas Day and the young ones would put on a program which was enjoyed by all the people attending the service.

Barb grew up with a twin sister in the countryside near Danby, New York. As a

child the big event was getting the Christmas tree and the two young girls would help put the tree up in the house. Gifts often included dolls but one year her father gave the twins a bicycle. The twins would help their mom make special treats such as cookies and fudge before

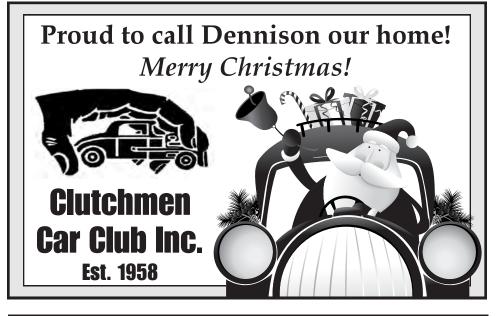
She remembers how pretty the church was for the Christmas service when she was a child. Many of the gifts they wrapped were handmade which they had knitted and sewn for each other. Activities were playing with the neighbor kids sledding and building snowmen.

George grew up with two brothers and two sisters in the family home and recalls that they lived in a number of houses around Dodge Center, Claremont and West Concord. His father was a carpenter and his



mother worked for Bird's Eye Canning Company in Waseca so she wasn't home very much. As one of the youngest in the family he remembers walking to country school when he was a lad. The country school had a Christmas program they participated in and he recalls singing songs but not sure if there were gifts from the teachers. The one thing he remembers about a Christmas when he was a child was the year his dad bought an \$8.00 bicycle for all of his brothers and sisters to share.

Now at Fairview Care Center where he resides the residents get to pick out decorations for their rooms. There are Christmas stockings with their names on them and small snow sleds above the door to their rooms. They put window clings in their windows of trees, bells, Santa Claus and Merry Christmas greetings.





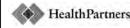


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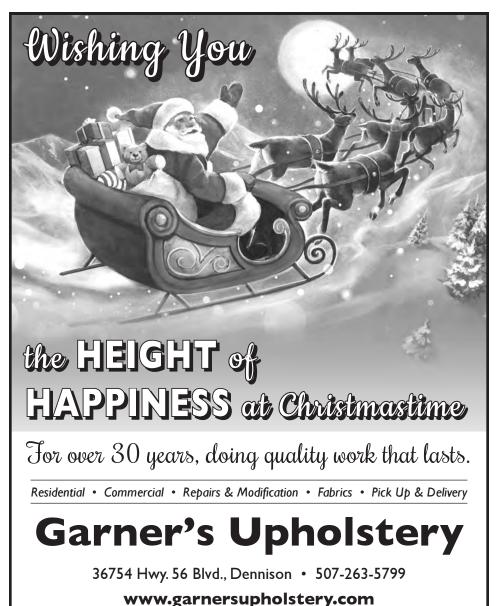
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DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 9, 2020 7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl Absent: Councilor John Cruz Staff Present: City Attorney Paula Callies, City Engineer John Powell, Administrator Jenelle Teppen Linda Ripka, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. **PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATION** – No public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Modory, second by Pribyl. to approved the agenda with addition of Resolution 2020-45. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Modory, to approve consent agenda as follows: Regular Minutes of October 26, 2020; Resolution 2020-40 Resolution Certifying Unpaid Storm Water Fees; Resolution 2020-41 Resolution Certifying Unpaid Utility Charges; Resolution 2020-42 Resolution Certifying Unpaid Nuisance Property Charges; Resolution 2020-43 Resolution Designating 2021 Polling Precinct Location for City of Dundas; Disbursements - \$147,925.52. MCU

OLD BUSINESS

Remove from Table Motion Approving Quote for Purchase of Bobcat Toolcat

5600

Motion by Switzer, second by Pribyl, to remove from the table approving purchase of Bobcat Toolcat 5600 from Tri-State Bobcat, Inc., in the amount of 51,295 using the CARES Act funds. MCU City Engineer Powell reviewed the request for purchasing Bobcat Toolcat 5600 and the cost of extended warranty and an attachment as requested by Council noting the cost of each which can be paid using the CARES Act funds. Motion by Fowler, second by Pribyl, to approve purchasing a 60-month extended warranty for the Bobcat Toolcat 5600 from Tri-State Bobcat Inc. in the amount of \$4,000 and a NorthStrat Skid Sprayer from Northern Tool at a cost of \$2,000 as allowed using the CARES Act funds. MCU

Consider Approving Allocation of Remaining CARES Funds to Cover Public Safety Expenses

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to use the remaining CARES Act Funds of \$8,391.00 to cover public safety expenses during the allowed period of March 1, 2020, to November 15, 2020. Administrator Teppen reviewed the amount of CARES Act Funds from the State the City received, and after the purchase of the Babcat Toolcat 5600 the remaining funds are \$8,391.98. She noted staff recommends the City use the amount to offset public safety expenses in the 2020 general fund budget. MCU

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-44 A Resolution Permitting Expansion of Alcoholic Beverage Licensed Premises for the

Meetinghouse, LLC, d/b/a Chapel Brewing at 15 Hester Street East

Motion Pribyl, second Switzer to approve Resolution 2020-44. Administrator Teppen presented a request from property owner of Chapel Brewing to permit expansion of their premises for serving alcohol outdoors. Discussion on neighbors and hours of operation followed. MCU

Resolution 2020-45 A Resolution Providing for the Sale of Real Property Located at 216 Railway Street North in the City of Dundas, Minnesota, Rice County PID 17.10.4.51.006

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to approve Resolution 2020-45. Attorney Callies explained the resolution and relationship to the comprehensive plan. MCU

NEW BUSINESS Consider Draft Request For Proposal for City Attorney Services

City Attorney Paula Callies stated she submitted her resignation as the City's Attorney to be effective December 31, 2020; however, she indicated she would stay available for necessary work but not be able to attend City Council meetings. Motion by Modory, second by second by Fowler, to accept the letter of resignation from Paula Callies as the City's Attorney and to approve staff to proceed with RFP for Attorney Services.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Attorney – Paula Callies

Callies stated is working on the public hearing for November 19 relating to an

Ordinance change in the Annexation Reserve District (ARD).

City Administrator/Clerk-Jenelle Teppen

Teppen reported the General Election of November 3rd went smoothly and everyone was very cooperative. She stated Rice County has until November 12 to send the abstracts out.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Mayor Switzer called for a Special Meeting for Friday, November 13 at 11:30 p.m. to certify results of the General Election. Discussion by Council on the Truth and Taxation meeting set for December 14 allows public input.

WORK SESSION Review 2021 Preliminary General and Enterprise Fund Budgets

Jean McGann of consulting firm AEM presented the 2021 Preliminary General and the Enterprise Fund Budgets and discussion areas in the preliminary budget noting the changes from 2020 to 2021. She reviewed the two scenarios for the street lightning and the impact on the property taxes with various home values. McGann indicated the preliminary budget doe not call for any increase in the enterprise funds. She indicated the Council can lower the preliminary budget and proposed tax levy passed in September but cannot increase the amount and the final amount will need to be submitted to Rice County in December.

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CLOSED SESSIONS

Mayor directed public to leave but could rejoin after the two closed meetings.

As Allowed by MN Statute §13D.03 for Labor Negotiations Strategy involving LELS Local #32 Mayor Switzer closed the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m. as allowed by MN Statute Statutes §13D.03, for labor negotiations strategy involve LELS Local #32

Mayor Switzer reopened the regular meeting at 8:06 p.m. stating the Council held a closed meeting as allowed by MN Statute Statutes §13D.03, for labor negotiations strategy involve LELS Local #32. Present were Councilors, Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl, Mayor Glenn Switzer, City Attorney Paula Callies and City Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen.

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As allowed by Minnesota Statute §13D.05, subd. 3(c), to Develop or Consider Offers or Counteroffers for the Sale of the former City Hall Property at 216 Railway Street N, Dundas, MN Mayor Switzer closed the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. as allowed by MN Statute Statutes §13D.05, subd. 3(c), to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the sale of the former City Hall property at 216 Railway Street North in the City of Dundas, MN.

Mayor Switzer reopened the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m. stating the Council held a closed meeting as allowed to develop and

consider offers or counter offers for the sale of the former City Hall property at 216 Railway Street North in Dundas. Present were Councilors Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl, Mayor Glenn Switzer, City Attorney Paula Callies and City Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. MCU Submitted by:

Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES Friday November 13, 2020 11:30 a.m. City Hall

Present: Councilors Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl Absent: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilor John Cruz Staff:

City Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Pribyl called the special meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler to approve agenda for special meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

NEW BUSINESS Consider Resolution 2020-46 A Resolution to Certify Results of the General Election of

Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler to approve Resolution 2020-46 Certifying the Results of the General Election of November 3, 2020. MCU

ADJOURN

Motion by Fowler, second by Modory, to adjourn the special meeting at 11:42 a.m. MCU

Submitted by:

Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk Attest:

Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Monday, November 23, 2020 7:00 p.m. Dundas City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl Absent: Councilor John Cruz Staff Present: City Attorney Paula Callies, City Engineer John Powell, Administrator Jenelle Teppen

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present. **PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATION** – No public input.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer to approve the agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Pribyl, second by Modory, to

approve consent agenda as follows: Special Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2020; Disbursements - \$107,112.51. MCU

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Councilor Fowler indicated he had abstained from approving Resolution of 2020-44 in the minutes of November 9, 2020 and requested minutes read as such. Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer to correct the November 9, 2020, minutes on approving Resolution 2020-44 to state Abstain: Fowler, MCU

OLD BUSINESS -

No old business brought before Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS No ordinances or resolution brought before
Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider City Hall Closing December 24 Motion by Fowler, second by Switzer, to close City Hall all day on December 24, 2020. MCU

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARD AND COMMITTEES

City Attorney – Paula Callies

Callies stated she has been working on the purchase agreement and Resolution for the sale of old City Hall.

City Administrator/Clerk – Jenelle Teppen

Teppen reported 86 residents used the online bill pay system in its first month with 87 residents signing up for e-bill.

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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

Fiber Optic in the **Backwoods**



By Terry Campbell

This column is written by Messenger editor and Minnesota native Terry Campbell. Terry now splits his time between Minnesota when its warm here and Tennessee when it's cold here.

I lived in the country in Minnesota all my life. It would take both hands to count the number of Internet providers I have had in Minnesota over the years. Some started out good and then fizzled as more customers ate up the bandwidth. Some under-performed as soon as they were installed. One would think that 17 miles from Rochester would deliver better Internet. My last experience in Dodge County was with Minnesota WiFi and I have to say that they were consistent and delivered what they promised. The \$130 per month for 30mbps down and 10 mbps up seems a little steep

So, after moving to Tennessee I needed to

have a reliable Internet provider since I work online for a living. In 1933 the Tennessee Valley Authority was commissioned to provide electrical power to the rural areas in the state as a way to increase the standard of living. Fast forward to the 21st century and the Cumberland Cooperative produces hydro-electric power as well as coal fired electrical power to all citizens. There is a power line to every rural address in the state and they decided to string the Internet to every home as well. And not just Internet, but high-speed fiber optic Internet.

So I live five miles out of town and High Speed Fiber Optic Internet is at our door. \$50 per month and no connection fees or modem and router deposits for 250mbps up and 250mbps down. Internet so fast it will make your head spin and priced lower than any slow provider back in the snow state. I am often asked how I manage to put ten newspapers together each month while living 800 miles from Minnesota. High quality Internet is the answer.

So in Minnesota you have cold weather, 10X higher property taxes, a state income tax, poor Internet service, and a city which wants to defund the police while rioters burn it down in the summer. And in Tennessee you have great Internet at a low cost, no county planning and zoning departments, low real estate taxes and no state income tax and the people love their law enforcement departments. You might have figured out why I moved here.

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CLOSED SESSION As allowed by Minnesota Statute §13D.05, subd. 3(c), to Develop or **Consider Offers or Counteroffers for** the Sale of the former City Hall Property at 216 Railway Street North, Dundas, MN

Mayor Switzer closed the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m. as allowed by MN Statute Statutes §13D.05, subd. 3(c), to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the sale of the former City Hall property at 216 Railway Street North in the City of Dundas, MN.

Mayor Switzer reopened the regular meeting at 7:11p.m. stating the Council held a closed meeting as allowed to develop and consider offers or counter offers for the sale of the former City Hall property at 216 Railway Street North in Dundas. Present were Councilors Larry Fowler, Grant Modory, Chad Pribyl, Mayor Glenn Switzer, City Attorney Paula Callies and Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen.

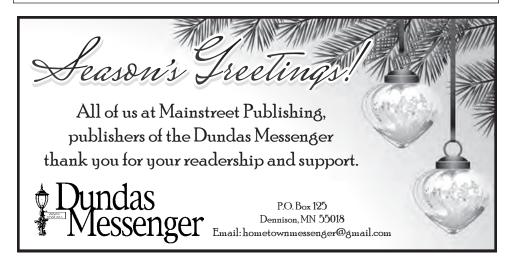
Resolution 2020-47 A Resolution Approving the Sale of Real Property Located at 216 Railway Street North, Dundas, MN Motion by Fowler, second by Modory, to approve Resolution 2020-47. MCU

ADJOURN

Motion by Modory, second by Fowler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Submitted by:

Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk Attest:

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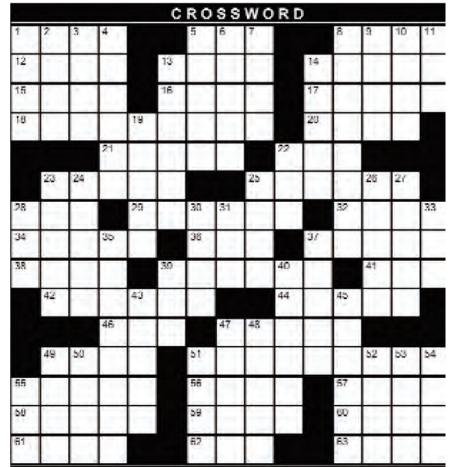
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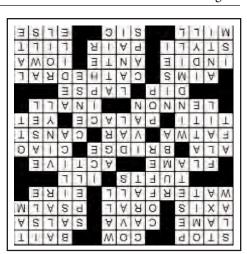
ACROSS

- 1. Octagonal sign
- 5. "Don't have a 8. Can of worms
- 12. Pathetic
- 13. Spanish sparkling wine
- 14. Pico de gallo
- 15. WWII side
- 16. Like word of mouth
- 17. Church song
- 18. *Victoria in Zimbabwe or Horseshoe in Canada
- 20. *Home to Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle 21. Massachusetts university
- Be Home For Christmas"
- 23. Olympic torch, e.g.
- 25. On the move
- 28. Menu words
- 29. *Golden Gate or Mackinac
- 32. Goodbye, to bambino
- 34. Ruling in Islamic law
- 36. Variable, abbr.
- 37. Can, with thou
- 38. South American monkey
- 39. *Versailles or Buckingham
- 41. Thus far
- 42. Yoko's John
- 44. Collectively
- 46. Party bowlful 47. Memory failure
- 49. Goals
- 51. *St. Basil's or Canterbury
- 55. Independent, slang
- 56. Initial stake
- 57. Field of Dreams state
- 58. More than one stylus
- 59. Barnes and Noble or Barnum and Bailey
- 60. Jaunty rhythm in music
- 61. Don Quixote's enemy 62. Urge Spot to attack
- 63. Besides

DOWN

- 1. BBQ side
- 2. Taxon, pl.
- 3. Fail to mention
- 4. Bygone Spanish money
- 5. Jeweler's unit
- 6. Egg-like curves
- 7. *The Western one in Israel or the Great one in China
- 8. *La Sagrada Familia or St. Peter's
- 9. Having wings
- 11. Scottish cap
- 13. Ceiling panel in the Pantheon
- 14. Type of wheat
- 19. Cuban dance
- 22. Glacier matter
- 23. Medieval knight's spiky weapon 24. Coffee shop order
- 25. *Home to Tai Mahal
- 26. Phonograph record
- 27. Artist's support
- 28 Back at sea
- 30. Director Reitman
- 31. Indian restaurant staple
- 33. Giant Hall-of-Famer
- 35. *Moulin Rouge or Netherland's landmark
- 37. Incense without prefix
- 39. Weasel-related onomatopoeia 40. Enigma machine's output
- 43. One born to Japanese immigrants
- 45. Roman magistrate
- 47. Hawaiian veranda
- 48. V.C. Andrews' "Flowers in the __
- 49. Naysayer's favorite prefix
- 50. Bucolic poem
- 51. Type in all _
- 52. Agitate
- 53. Hole punchers
- 54. Like the White Rabbit
- 55. Any doctrine





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