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Announcements

• Utility Rates for 2023:

City of Dundas Utility Rates for 2023 will be reflected on the January billing going out January 31 as follows:

Water and Sewer increase by 3.0%
Garbage 2023 Rates 35 gal \$13.38
 65 gal \$16.79
 95 gal \$20.59

• Memorial Park Pavilion is now open for reservations by calling City Hall at 507-645-2852.

New rates from May 1 to

September 30, 2023 are:

Monday thru Friday:

Half Days: \$80.00 7am-2pm
& 3-10pm

Full Days: \$135.00 7am-10pm

Saturday/Sunday:

Full Days only: \$135.00 7am-10pm

Plus a deposit for all reservations:
\$150.00

Reservations forms are available online at www.cityofdundas.org

• **SNOW REMOVAL:** Reminder to have cars off the streets during times of snow to help assist the Public Works Department in removing snow and mindful no parking in street per City Code 71.06(B)(2) between 2 a.m. – 6:00 a.m. The police department will issue ticket to the owners of the vehicles in the street. Remove garbage cans on snowy days as soon as picked up to avoid damage by snow plows. Do not leave out over night!

Check City's website for more information www.cityofdundas.org

New Cellular Water Meters

Every household will be required to switch to the new cellular water meters. There is no charge to the owner for this change out. In 2022 all the businesses and half the residents were converted to the new meters. This year the City will be finalizing the remaining residential homes. Please be cooperative when

you are contacted in setting up the appointment as someone does need to be at the house during the installation which for one meter is about half an hour and two meters 45 min to an hour. Make sure you have the area where your current meter is located cleared off for City staff.

If you did not have your water meter upgraded to the new cellular meter last year, please call City Hall to setup a time at 507-645-2852. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ice Rink

Dundas ice skating rink is located up at Bridgewater Heights near the water tower with a warming house.

It is open for public skating from 7 am to 10 pm with lighting.



Chili Cook Off Contest part of this years Dennison Lions Flake Out Festival Saturday, February 4th



The Dennison Lions Club is planning the 2023 Flake Out Festival & Winter Parade for Saturday, February 4th.

The club is holding a raffle in conjunction with the days events to raise funds to support Lions Clubs activities and help support other area non-profit entities and those in need that the club donates to and supports throughout the year. A \$500 1st Prize, plus other cash prizes will be given away.

The Annual Lighted Parade will take place at 6:30 PM, and anyone can participate. A Cash Prize will be given to the best float.

Other returning favorites include Euchre at Fireside, beginning at 9 AM with 100% Prize Payout and Designer Purse & Gift Card Bingo at City Hall at 3 pm. New this year will be a Chili Cookoff Contest. Cook up your best chili recipe and bring it down to city hall at 11 AM. Tasting and voting will be from 11:30-12:30 with a cash prize for 1st and 2nd place. If you have any questions, contact Lion President Diane at 612-532-0268. See the full schedule of events on page 7 of this issue of the Messenger.

Pediatric provider Niki Feran joins NH+C's Northfield Clinic

Northfield Hospital + Clinics welcomes pediatric nurse practitioner Niki Feran, APRN, PNP to the Northfield Clinic, caring for children of all ages.



Niki takes a collaborative approach with her patients – and their parents. “I believe providers and families should work together equally to create the best possible outcome for the children,” she says. That includes getting to know the family’s cultural, religious, and personal beliefs: “I treat my patients with the same care and respect that I would want my family and friends to be treated.”

The best part about being a pediatric provider? “I get to see my patients grow from birth into early adulthood,” Niki smiles.

Niki brings 22 years’ of experience caring for kids at a specialty pediatric hospital and clinic. She holds a Master of Science in Nursing as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner from Maryville University. Niki is board-certified by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board.

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Is Peace Possible?

Amidst all the craziness of the season, is peace possible? In our world where nations continue to fight against nations; is peace possible? In the culture around us that is bent on arguing and fighting; is peace possible?

Jesus said in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

Jesus said, I am giving you peace- but not the kind you find out in the world. Peace is the sum and substance of human well-being. That's what everyone desperately wants. It's what you want; you might really want political peace; a peace between people and the government or a peace between governments and countries. You may long for psychological, or emotional peace. A peace that keeps those voices in our head in harmony. A peace that keeps healthy in body and in our minds. Most of all you and I want peace of conscience and peace of heart and that only comes from peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who guides us out of our lostness in the chaos of spiritual darkness to the way of light and peace. Peace with God is the only means of peace with each other. Without that peace, the world lies in the hands of the wicked one, in darkness, chaos, and fear. This was the ultimate purpose of Christ's mission; "through him (Jesus) to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross." Jesus was sent to bring peace of heart and spirit to all mankind.

Before we know Jesus, before we accept Him as our Savior- we are just walking around in the dark- with fear and death around each corner. We have no peace of mind or spirit- peace illudes us because in the dark and in the chaos peace is absent. Peace can overcome chaos and darkness- but it must be accepted. For you and me to truly experience peace we first, have to be at peace with ourselves.

I. Are You at Peace with Yourself? In other words, are you comfortable with your actions? Can you live with your decisions? Are you happy because of your choices?

Albert Einstein said "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results".

One of the largest obstacles that causes peo-

ple to fail to change is that some of the problems, some of the troubles, some of the difficulties, some of the habits, some of the addictions are so big that you cannot just stop "cold turkey." We need to take the first step- and often they will be baby steps.

Are you at peace with yourself? What changes do you need to make in your life beginning today? What baby steps do you need to take to be at peace with yourself? Secondly-

II. Are You at Peace with Others? I recently heard a person say, "I love Christmas, but when the in-laws and the out-laws come is when I lose my peace." The word "Peace" appears some 429 times in the bible. It has about eight different variations of meaning in the Old Testament and about seven different variations of meaning in the New Testament.

The bible says in Acts 5:29 "We must obey God rather than human being!" And in Romans 12:18 "As much as it is possible, as far as it lies within you, live at peace with everyone."

God is the one that we will all have to stand before and give an account of our actions and decisions. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict. Peace is also an action word. We need to take steps toward social justice. And steps toward equality and freedom, and actively work to ease poverty for those that have fallen on difficult times. We must be taking steps toward helping the lost find God. Our Mission is to make disciples so that Christ can transform people's lives.

Matthew 7:2 says, "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." The church, the body of believers, is instructed in the bible to not gossip or spread rumors; we aren't to slander, or whisper behind someone's back, and we are not to insult or judge someone. Instead, we are to practice hospitality. The bible says, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you." Romans 15:7 Are you at peace with yourself? Are you at peace with others? One final

step.

III. Are You at Peace with God? The meaning of the word Peace in the bible implies quietness and rest. Another meaning of peace is a type of "reset or fresh start."

Peace is not something you reach out and touch with your physical hands. Peace is not something that is visible with the eye. If I asked you to draw me a picture of peace we would get many different variations of images. If I asked you to describe peace we would get many expressions of feeling as answers. But this one thing I know for sure, every step you take toward being at peace with your self is a step you take toward being at peace with God. Every step you take toward being at peace with yourself, every step you take at being at peace with others is a step you take at becoming at peace with Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Is peace possible? Peace is possible when we come to Jesus and say yes- I want your peace, I want the gift of salvation you offer- we will receive that peace that goes far beyond what is happening in the world around us- the peace that passes all understanding. Jesus said, "my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." He gives us peace deep inside our spirits- it won't matter what the day brings, it won't matter how our crazy and messed up our lives or family are- when we receive His peace we are full- and we need never to be troubled or afraid. We only have to trust in Him! What do you need to take that first step toward peace in your life? Are you at peace with yourself? Are you at peace with others? Are you at peace with God?

Area Church Directory

Chosen

He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. — Ephesians 1:5

My daughter and son-in-law are in the process of choosing a therapy dog for one of our grandsons. They have been discussing and studying about which breed is best and which size is right. During this time, their other son has been helping to walk the neighbor's dog to get a sense of how this addition to the family will work. The family is invested together to make a good choice.

Even more important is understanding that God has decided that he wants us to join his family. Does it inspire you that God has been pleased to create us for fellowship with him? God knew that through the sacrifice of Jesus we would become sons and daughters of God. His plan for our lives is to include us in his story. It wasn't enough that God created us and made us his imagebearers; he also loves us and wants to live in relationship with us.

When our lives reflect the realization of all this, we display God's glory and his love, and something changes in us. We carry ourselves with the knowledge that we belong and are part of God's family.

What does it mean to be part of this family? It means we are responsible for one another. Because of the love God has given us, we have the ability to live in unity together, sharing in the story that God has indeed chosen us.

Thank you, Father, that you have created us and have chosen us. Help us to see what it means to be in your family and to treat others with the same love you have shown us. Amen.

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10:00a.m. Worship Experience

NORTHFIELD EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH 5600 East 110th Street
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Supporting Our Local FFA & Celebrating National FFA Week February 18-25, 2023



National FFA Week is February 18 - 25th 2023.

Starting in 1948, the National FFA Board of Directors designated a weeklong tradition to recognize George Washington's example and legacy as a leader and farmer.

For the past 74 years, FFA members across the country have taken part in agricultural, leadership and service-based activities during National FFA Week.

"National FFA Week is a significant event that really showcases the heart of our organization," says Christine White, chief program officer for the National FFA Organization. "Local chapters use this as an opportunity to highlight program success, recognize community supporters and amplify the mission of the organization."

Again this year, more than 700,000 FFA members will spend the week of February

18-25 developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

They will do so in creative and innovative ways. Whether volunteering to clean up the

local fairgrounds or throwing a citywide party to celebrate the 1732 birth of our first president, there is no limit to how this week can be recognized.

"It could be hosting a breakfast for teachers, an open house for FFA supporters or bestowing chapter-level degrees. It truly is an opportunity to celebrate all things FFA. As a former member and agricultural educator, FFA Week is something I always looked forward to since it was a way to share my passion for the organization," White says. "FFA members should embrace the planning, execution and celebration that occurs with developing activities and events for FFA Week. The skills of teamwork, communication and advocating are ones you will carry with you beyond your FFA experience."

Keep track of all that is happening by following #FFAWeek on your social channels. Find more about all the resources available at FFA.org/National-FFA-Week.

The organization also wants to Thank Alumni and Supporters!

Whether they wore the blue jacket or simply support an organization they were never a member of, these individuals are celebrated on National FFA Alumni and Supporters Day. Since 1971, alumni and supporters have found ways to significantly contribute to their local chapters.

Jeremy Krerowicz, the past president of the Denmark FFA Alumni in Wisconsin, fondly remembers his time as a member, and he used those experiences as motivation to lead the 2020 Outstanding FFA Alumni and Supporters Chapter.

"Our members love to see the students



River Country Coop Randolph, presents a check to the Randolph FFA Chapter to be used towards their continued educational programs. Pictured: Dean Larson, River Country Coop Location Manager, and FFA Members Kaillie Sorem, Katie Radman, Sophia Amy and Grace Hoover

grow," Krerowicz says. "We love seeing them being recognized at state and national conventions, during their chapter banquet and throughout the community. It shows that we are doing our part. We help them with the resources they need to get that far."

In every state in the nation, alumni and supporters chapters work to create environments where people and communities can develop their potential for premier leadership, per-

sonal growth and career success.

They are raising funds to send members to the Washington Leadership Conference, hosting students with supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), helping to advocate for their local chapters and more. 2023 marks the 52nd anniversary of the National FFA Alumni Association. Randolph FFA is also fortunate to have an very active alumni as well as great community support.

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Plan NOW for Spring Conservation Seeding



By Jarett Spitzack

As I sit down to write, we are currently in a winter storm warning. The last thing most people would think of is spring seeding, but on a cold day like this, it's a perfect time to plan new practices for 2023. Maybe you would like to try no-tilling soybeans or alfalfa or reseed and improve a pasture. Maybe you would like to plant native prairie for pollinators or corn and clover for a wildlife food plot.

Whatever conservation practice goal you may have in mind for the new year, the Rice SWCD has the tools to help make your planting a success. We will once again have the Great Plains No-Till Drill, Dew Drop seeder, and hand seeder ready for renting for those who are interested.

The Great Plains 1006NT Drill is a 10ft pull-type no-till drill with 7.5-inch row spacings and is equipped with three seed boxes to drill a wide variety of seed including soybeans, native grasses and forbs, alfalfa, and many other species. The Great Plains drill fee is \$125 for

delivery, and \$10 per acre seeded. An acre meter is positioned on the drill to record the number of seeded acres. It is recommended that a tractor with at least 70hp is used. The tractor will need to have one set of hydraulic remotes as well.

(Watch our Great Plains Drill in action in this YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqiK-bGHHbwE>)

The Dew Drop seeder is a 3ft pull-type drop seeder. It is designed to be used behind small utility tractors and ATVs. It has an electric drive clutch that can be engaged or disengaged by the use of a remote, as well as a set of coulters on the front of the seeder which can be raised and lowered to prepare the seed bed.

Since this is a drop seeder, the seed will not be planted in rows. It will simply be dropped sporadically under the machine. If incorporation is desired most users will make a second pass with the coulters down and drive clutch disengaged. Other users will hook a drag or cultipacker to the rear of the seeder to help incorporate seed in a single pass.

This seeder can handle a wide variety of seeds from corn and soybeans to grass seeds for lawns. Rental rates for the Dew Drop Seeder are \$90 per business day, plus \$50 if delivery is requested. A small utility trailer is used to transport the seeder from site to site, so all that is needed to pick up the seeder is a 2" ball and a hookup for trailer lights. In order to pull the seeder itself, all that is required is a 1 7/8th ball.

Rice SWCD also has a hand seeder available for anyone with smaller seeding projects such as pollinator gardens or backyard prairie plantings that may be too small for a drill. The hand seeder is available to rent for \$5, with a \$20 holding deposit.

If you look out the window into the snowy abyss, it is hard to believe that in a few months, you will be in the field and hoping the weather cooperates for a good 2023 plant-



The Dew Drop Drill seeds brome grass, timothy, and perennial rye grass on a water and sediment control basin in Rice County.

ing season. If you are interested in renting the Great Plains No-till Drill, or the Dew Drop seeder, don't hesitate to call Rice SWCD @ 507-334-5408 or email Jarett.spitzack@riceswcd.org to reserve your spot. Both machines are typically in use for most of the spring planting season, so it is best to reserve a spot to ensure the machine

gets to you when you are ready to plant.

Jarett Spitzack is a Resource Specialist with the Rice Soil & Water Conservation District. He assists landowners with the drill rental program, wetland restorations, and the Wetland Conservation Act in Rice County. Contact Jarett with your drill rental questions at 507-332-5408.

Rice SWCD 2023 Tree Sale Open

The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce that the Rice SWCD 2023 Tree Sale is open. 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 for windbreaks, wildlife habitat, agroforestry, erosion control, and other conservation practices.



The Rice SWCD Tree Sale features twenty-nine species of trees and shrubs available for spring planting. New species this year include Bitternut Hickory and American Plum. 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 will be taken until April on a first come first serve basis. Species are beginning to 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. If you would like to receive a paper copy through the mail, please contact the Rice SWCD office at 507-332-5408. You can also download a paper copy from our website at www.riceswcd.org.

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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Rabbits and Your Shrubs



Teri Knight

gardenbite

Ugh, they really nailed my dwarf Burning Bush... it's now REALLY a dwarf.

It's always a good idea to monitor your shrubs and newly planted trees this time of year to see if there's been bunny, vole or deer damage!

This year, 2023, is starting with plenty of snowpack for many of us, including me. I've seen those rascally rabbits making a beeline for under my porch when I approach. Next year I gotta do something to prevent that!

The University of Iowa has great information on securing your vulnerable shrubs from rabbits. Wrapping your shrubs with hardware cloth is a great idea. The suggestion is to surround your shrub at about 3 ft tall.

The rabbits' waste, those little brown pellets, actually make great fertilizer. They decompose quickly and are richer in nu-



Rabbit damage on Dwarf burning bush 1-21-23 – not my best photo! Notice the 45 degree angle. Clearly rabbit damage. It's always a good idea to monitor your shrubs and newly planted trees this time of year to see if there's been bunny, vole or deer damage!



The barberry mean nothing to them! They are living the good life under my porch where they can squeeze through. They've also been nibbling at my cotoneaster again this year. The snow is higher so they're just nibbling higher up.

trients than chicken manure! They carry no contaminants so you can freely let the bunnies do their business around your plants.

Looking up shrubs that are rabbit resistant I noticed cotoneaster... apparently my neighborhood bunnies didn't get the memo! However, there are other shrubs that are less tasty to them including barberry. I can understand that, those things fight back with thorns. Nannyberry viburnum, a large tough native is a great choice for those with space. It's also very attractive to birds!

Teri Knight became a Master Gardener with Dakota County, Minnesota in 2003. She currently produces her website, www.gardenbite.com. 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!



Light colored wrap or this white plastic tree guard work. Photo by UofMN Ext. I can instruct YOU to do it, but have a hard time getting it done myself!

Minnesota-specific Dicamba Herbicide Restriction to Remain in Place for 2023 State Restrictions Add Date and Temperature Restrictions

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) announced that state-specific use restrictions for three dicamba herbicide products will remain the same for the 2023 growing season in Minnesota. The restrictions are aimed at curbing off-site movement of the products.

The affected dicamba formulations are Engenia by BASF, Tavium by Syngenta, and XtendiMax by Bayer. These are the only dicamba products labeled for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans.

The three products are registered for use in Minnesota in 2023 with the following restrictions:

DATE CUTOFF: No application shall be made south of Interstate 94 after June 12, 2023. North of Interstate 94, use is prohibited after June 30, 2023.

TEMPERATURE CUTOFF: No application shall be made if the air temperature of the field at the time of application is over 85 degrees Fahrenheit or if the National Weather Service's forecasted high temperature for the nearest available location for the day exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

Users can download these restrictions from the product manufacturer's website, and they must be in the user's possession during application.

"These restrictions mirror what we did in 2022 when we saw a major decrease in complaints of off-target movement from the previous year," said Agriculture Commissioner

Thom Petersen. "These products must be used without impacts on neighboring homes, farms, and gardens. The Minnesota-specific restrictions are based on scientific evidence from our drift investigations and discussions with the University of Minnesota Extension and Minnesota Soybean Growers Drift Taskforce."

During the 2022 growing season, the MDA received 25 formal complaints and eight responses to an informal survey, all alleging off-target movement. This was a major decrease from 2021 which saw a total of 304 formal complaints and survey responses.

Other federal requirements for the products that appear on the product labels include:

Requiring an approved pH-buffering agent, also known as a volatility reducing agent, be tank mixed with dicamba products prior to all applications

Requiring a downwind buffer of 240 feet and 310 feet in areas where listed endangered species are located

Additional recordkeeping items

In addition to the cutoff date, Xtendimax and Tavium have crop growth stage cutoffs.

Since dicamba was first registered for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans in the 2017 growing season, the MDA has fielded complaints each year of alleged off-site movement onto neighboring property. The chemical is highly volatile and can damage non-target plant species through spray drift and/or volatilization. Volatility is influenced by several factors including temperature, relative humidity, rate of application, and crop stage. The annual totals of complaints were:

- 2022: 32 reports
- 2021: 304
- 2020: 128
- 2019: 20
- 2018: 51
- 2017: 249

In Minnesota, Engenia, Tavium, and XtendiMax formulations of dicamba are approved for use on dicamba-tolerant soybeans only and are "Restricted Use Pesticides." The dicamba products are only for retail sale to and use by certified applicators.

Pesticide product registrations are renewed on an annual basis in Minnesota.

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DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 12, 2022

7:00 p.m. City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Luke LaCroix, Luke Swartwood

Absent: Councilor Larry Fowler, Grant Modory

Staff: Engineer Dustin Tipp; Administrator/Clerk Jenelle Teppen; Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Switzer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING (TNT)

Budget 2023 Review and Discussion of Levy for Taxes Payable in 2023

Financial consultant Jessi Sturtz of ABDO Financial Solutions presented the proposed Budget and Levy for 2023 with no change from September preliminary budget and levy. She stated overall the budget shows an increase of \$166,082 from previous year or 12.06% to cover a balance budget for General Fund, EDA, and debt service. She indicated due to the tax capacity increasing, the City will see a decrease tax rate -3.2%. She indicated Rice County has increased home value which affect property taxes and provided a comparison showing no change in value of home vs 15% on property taxes. Sturtz reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) allocated cost of \$723,000 in equipment and improvements for Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Public Safety. She indicated that the League of MN Cities recommends budgeting for a 10-15% increase in worker's compensation and 5-10% general property insurance.

Final 2023 Enterprise Funds Budget

Financial consultant Jessi Sturtz of ABDO Financial Solutions presented the 2023 Enterprise Funds Budget breaking down the four categories of water, sewer, storm water and refuse. She indicated the enterprise fund budget has a net expense of \$272,151 and utility rates for water and sewer will have a 3.0% increase and refuse 5.0% for 2023 with no increase in storm water.

PUBLIC FORUM

Cindy and Ken Hause of 555 River Valley Lane expressed concern on their proposed property taxes going up in 2023 with follow-up discussion from Mayor. Also expressed concern on numerous homes with debris in yard not meeting ordinance requirements and what City is doing to address these. Mayor explained process.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to approve agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Regular Minutes of November 28, 2022;
Resolution 2022-29 A Resolution Approving Gambling Premises Permits for 2023;

Resolution 2022-30 A Resolution Approving Cigarette Licenses for 2023;

Pay Voucher No.1 Kevin Casey, LLC - \$40,715.10; and

Disbursements - \$293,589.05. MCU

OLD BUSINESS - No old business brought

before Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

Amending Chapter §34.01 of the Dundas City Code Adopting Fees and Charges

Mayor Switzer opened the public hearing on amending Chapter §34.01 of the Dundas City Code adopting fees and charges at 7:37p.m.

Staff Presentation: Administrator Teppen stated the 2023 budget incorporated change in rates for water, sewer, and refuse. She indicated other increases are the rental rate for the pavilion at Memorial Park and the base building set rate for issuing of permit for residential roofing, siding and window/door replacement. She stated all rate increases will be effective January 1, 2023.

Public Comment: No public comment received.

Closed Public Hearing: Mayor Switzer closed the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2022-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter §34.01 Fee Schedule of the Dundas City Code Adopting Fees and Charges

Motion by Swartwood, second by LaCroix, to approve Ordinance 2022-05 and Summary. MCU

Resolution 2022-31 A Resolution Approving 2023 Proposed General Fund Budget and 2023 Final Property Tax Levy

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2022-31. MCU

Resolution 2022-32 A Resolution Approving a Tentative Agreement Between the City of Dundas and Law Enforcement Labor Services Inc. Representing the Police Officers Bargaining Unit for the Calendar Years 2023-2025

Administrator Teppen reported meeting with the LELS representatives and reviewed the discussions involving compensation plan, health insurance and participation in the MN State Retirement System Health Care Savings Plan involving two methods. She stated the Human Resource Committee have reviewed and recommend approval of the Tentative Agreement.

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2022-32. MCU

Resolution 2022-33 A Resolution Authorizing Staff to Pay Invoices Received Between December 7 and December 21, 2022

Administrator Teppen indicated due to no Council meeting until next year (2023), payment of bills from December 7 through 21 need to be pre-authorized to be paid.

Motion by Swartwood, second by LaCroix, to approve Resolution 2022-33. MCU

NEW BUSINESS - No new business brought before Council.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

City Engineer – Dustin Tipp

Tipp gave an update of project CSAH 1/TH 3 Pedestrian Crossing regarding the AT grant application stating City Council passed Resolution as did Rice County on November 22 with MnDOT and City of Northfield issuing a letter of support. He stated the application has now been submitted to MnDOT.

City Administrator/Clerk – Jenelle Teppen Teppen stated Planning Commission will meet in January with a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit. She indicated newly elected councilor Ashley Gallagher will receive orientation this week meeting with Mayor, staff and consultants.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Mayor suggested Councilors look at goals for administrator and City for January meeting.

Mayor Switzer recognized Councilor Larry Fowler for his eight years of serving two terms from January 2015 through December 2022 on the Council.

ADJOURN

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. MCU Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor

DUNDAS CITY COUNCIL INITIAL and REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 09, 2023

7:00 p.m. City Hall

Present: Mayor Glenn Switzer; Councilors Ashley Gallagher, Luke LaCroix, Grant Modory, Luke Swartwood
Staff Present: City Engineer Dustin Tipp, City Administrator Jenelle Teppen, Deputy Clerk Linda Ripka

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Switzer called the Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Administrator Teppen gave Oath of Office to Glenn Switzer (Mayor), Grant Modory (Councilor) and Ashley Gallagher (Councilor) followed by the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATION - No one presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood, to approve agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously (MCU)

INITIAL MEETING

Resolution 2023-01 A Resolution Designating Depositories and Establishing Procedures for Depositing and Investing Funds

Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2023-01. MCU

Name Official Newspaper - Faribault Daily News

Motion by LaCroix, second by Swartwood,

to approve Faribault Daily News as the official newspaper for the City of Dundas. MCU

Appoint Acting Mayor

Motion by Switzer, second by LaCroix, to approve the appointment of Grant Modory as Acting Mayor. MCU

Appoint Officers and Members of Boards, Commissions, Committees

Motion by Switzer, second by Swartwood, to approve the following appointments as recommended by Mayor Switzer:

Ashley Gallagher: one-year term Parks & Rec Advisory Board as Council Rep for 2023;

Carrie Rice: four-year term Parks & Rec Advisory Board expiring Dec 31, 2026;

Doug Johnson: four-year term Parks & Rec Advisory Board expiring Dec 31, 2026;

Grant Modory: one-year term Planning Commission as Council Representative for 2023;

Luke LaCroix: four-year term Planning Commission expiring December 31, 2026
MCU

Appoint Council Members to City Council Committees

Motion by Switzer, second by Gallagher, to approve the following Council committees and appointments as recommended by Mayor Switzer:

Glenn Switzer and Luke Swartwood to the Finance and Legislation Committee;

Luke LaCroix and Grant Modory to the Human Resource Committee;

Ashley Gallagher and Luke Swartwood to the Public Safety Committee;

Grant Modory and Ashley Gallagher to the Public Works Committee;

Glenn Switzer and Luke LaCroix to the Business Development Committee;

Jenelle Teppen, City Administrator/Clerk, to all standing committees. MCU

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by LaCroix, second by Modory, to approve Consent Agendas as follows:

Regular Minutes of December 12, 2022;

Resolution 2023-02 A Resolution Requesting Part Time Officers Tyler Johnson and Matthew

Summer Acceptance as Members of Public Employees Police and Fire Plan;

Resolution 2023-03 A Resolution Approving the City's Pay Equity Report for 2022 and Authorizing Submission of the 2022 Pay Equity Report

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2023 Salary Adjustments;
Appointing Tyler Johnson and Matthew Summer to Full Time Police Officers;
Disbursements 12/27/22 - \$185,182.03;
Disbursements 01/09/23 - \$141,566.71.
MCU

OLD BUSINESS - No old business brought before Council.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
Resolution 2023-04 A Resolution Approving a Variance and Site Plan for a Building Addition to the Bridgewater Town Hall at 500 Railways Street South, Dundas, MN

Administrator Teppen reviewed the Variance application on setback requirements requested by Bridgewater Township to allow for an 8 x 36-foot addition to the north side of the Town Hall building at 500 Railway Street South. She stated the property is located within the LI, Limited Industrial Zoning District and under the City Code Ordinances has setbacks, landscaping, parking, and building materials requirements to meet. She stated the findings of fact from the Planning Commission meeting of November 17, 2022 is listed in the Resolution. Teppen stated the Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council is to approve the variance request with a landscaping plan shielding the view of the property and accessory building to the residents across the street on Railway Street. Teppen

stated the site plan with landscaping layout has been submitted and now meets requirements.

Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood, to approve Resolution 2023-04. MCU

NEW BUSINESS
Consider Amending West Ave Apartment Development Agreement

Administrator Teppen reviewed request from T Nelson Properties to amend the Development Agreement with the City relating to their apartment complex at 80 West Avenue to have all public improvements be completed by September 1, 2022. She stated since they have not completed all, an amendment is requested to extend to September 1, 2023, along with a new Letter of Credit with security of \$363,263.75.

Motion by Modory, second by LaCroix, to approve amendment to the Development Agreement between the City and T Nelson Properties, LLC, to September 1, 2023, along with new Letter of Credit for \$363,263.75 involving construction of apartment complex at 80 West Avenue. MCU

Consider Approving Proposed Three-Year Agreement with Abdo Financial Solutions for Accounting Services

Administrator Teppen stated the agreement from 2019 to 2022 is in need of being renewed for another three years as proposed by Abdo Financial Solutions with the first year

increase of 25% and 10% thereafter.

She remarked unfortunately due to realignment of Abdo, the proposal was not provided until after the 2023 budget was set. She indicated there will be some transitioning of some of duties to City staff and evaluate where to reduce some cost. She stated the market is tight and not confident the City can hire staff to meet the requirements of the financial duties.

Motion by Modory, second by Swartwood, to accept proposed Three-Year Agreement with Abdo Financial Solutions for Accounting Service beginning 2023. MCU

Consider Approving the Lease of a Caterpillar 259D3

Administrator Teppen reported the City's 2019 T595 Skid Loader hydraulic pump has failed and cost to repair is \$27,160. She stated the City did not purchase an extended warranty after two years and recommendation from staff is to trade it in and lease a new one. She reviewed the three quotes on leasing with request to approve the Caterpillar Model 259D3 which is offering a \$20,000 trade-in.

Discussion followed on lease agreements vs buying and cash flow availability. Council concluded by requesting public work's director at next meeting with the administrator to review lease options for skid loader vs purchasing as determined by cash flow avail-

ability.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
City Engineer- Dustin Tipp

Tipp reviewed his report stating staff has submitted the AT grant application to MnDOT and decision of grants award will be made by March 21 concerning CSAH 1/TH3 pedestrian crossing project; request for quotes for water pond cleaning south of Co Rd 1 near dog park were sent out and due back January 13; Pavement Management Plan has been completed and will be presented at next work session meeting; staff has begun work on Preliminary Effluent Review, Sanitary Sewer and Water Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Comprehensive Plan.

City Administrator/Clerk – Jenelle Teppen Work Session will be at the next meeting.

Mayor, Councilors and Committees

Councilor Swartwood asked for a review on new snow plow performance after recent snow with Councilor LaCroix stated nice job on removal in Stoneridge Hills and Teppen stated no citizen complaints received.

ADJOURN

Motion by Gallagher, second by Modory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. MCU Submitted by: Jenelle Teppen, Administrator/Clerk

Attest: Glenn Switzer, Mayor



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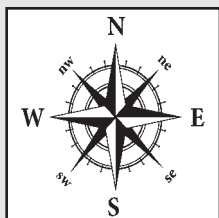
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Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes 2022 Was the Year for New Appliances



By Terry Campbell

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

It started out with the big stainless steel refrigerator in the farm house in Minnesota this summer. It was huge and over ten years old. I remember I had to remove the doors to get it in the house. Not just the handles, but both doors. The front door of the house came off the hinges and the refrigerator and freezer doors came off to make it in the house. The refrigerator had started making a clicking sound. More like a whap. Every ten seconds. "Whap". I knew what it was. There is a gear that opens the little door which brings cold air from the freezer to the refrigerator. It would open the door and then it would snap back shut. I explained it to my wife in technical terms. That didn't help. I related what a massive job it had been to get it in the house. It would be the same amount of work to take it out. That didn't help either. So, we compromised and I agreed on a smaller unit. I promised we would get a new one soon.

Then one morning the washer didn't spin the water out of the clothes on the last cycle. It had been acting up as well. My wife would say there was a helicopter going over the house quite low. I again had the technical answer ready. "No dear, it is the washer in the basement doing the spin cycle dance." So, a trip to the appliance store one Sunday afternoon took a \$2,500 hole out of the checkbook and we had a new fridge and washer. But I forgot one thing. Washers and dryers mate for life. One week later the dryer quite

drying. So, a matching Amana dryer came back home from the appliance store as well.

In late September I headed back down to Tennessee. I had to finish the lake house by fall so we could move in when we returned for the winter. I was prepared. We made a trip to Lowes in Owatonna and I had my wife pick out the kitchen appliances. Brand, size style, color, every option was decided on. I had the model number for each written down and I would go to the local Lowes in Tennessee and order the whole kitchen in one visit. No confusion or decision on my part. The matching fridge, range, dishwasher and rangehood microwave would be ordered and delivered right to our kitchen when ready.

The people who bought our old house in Tennessee didn't want our washer and dryer set. The appliances were only a few years old, and I would rather not move them. We had already moved four bedrooms of furniture into a storage unit since the new house was not finished. I was done with moving furniture. I had a house to finish. But since the plumbing and the ceramic tile floor in the new laundry room was already finished, I loaded them up and hauled them too. Well at least I wouldn't have to buy a washer and dryer, I told myself.

So, a week before I had the kitchen complete, I went to Lowes and presented the list to the young man there. Four appliances in one sale. No shopping, no discussion, just write it up, take my money and deliver them on time. The big Lowes truck would bring them to the front door and the strong young men would carry them into the house and life was good.

I had been working on the new house for a couple weeks and had laundry to do. So, I fired up the washer and threw in my work clothes. When I returned to put them in the dryer I discovered a load of wet, soggy heavy laundry. I ran them through again only to get the same result. The final spin cycle was not working. Irritated I chucked them in the dryer. When I opened the dryer to check on them, the machine kept on running. The switch on the door was broke. I was mad. Why did I move a washer/dryer set only to have both malfunction. I did the only logical thing left. I took the hand cart, wheeled the offending pair out the door and onto the trailer for their last trip to the scrap yard. Then I went back to Lowes and ordered a new Amana washer and dryer set. It arrived with the rest of the kitchen appliances.

A Minnesotan: New Years



By RosaLin Alcoser

When my sister and I were young children our parents use to do that thing parents do where they tell the kids it's New Years and put you to bed before midnight, but it's really just New Year's in New York not where you are.

We would stay up late and watch the ball drop at midnight in Times Square on the TV. Yell 'YAY! It's New Year's!' then promptly be taken off to bed; which we were already ready for.

In reality we only stayed up till about 11 PM. Don't get me wrong, 11 PM is still

pretty late when you're a little kid or if you're like me and choose to get up at 5 AM on a daily basis.

This worked for them until my sister was 9 years old and I was 4 years old.

The reason it worked for my parents that long is because my sister never bothered to look at the clock in the house to see that it was not midnight where we were. She was too caught up in the excitement of what was happening on the TV.

However, that year I had learned about how time works and went to check the clock; using the analog clock because it was 2001. I then proceeded to ruin everything for our parents by pointing out that it was not midnight where we were and that we were being tricked into thinking it was the next year when it wasn't. It was the next year somewhere else.

After that we got to stay up till midnight CST instead of being tricked into going to bed an hour before the new year.

Now that I'm an adult I understand why my parents did this. After all 2022 I stayed up till midnight then immediately went to bed at 12:01 AM. While I am writing this at the end of 2022 I feel this is also how I will see 2023 as well.



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