

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa  
Electronic Meeting via Conference Call

The first regular Council meeting of the City of Denison, Iowa was held pursuant to law on the above date and hour. This was an electronic meeting due to COVID-19 pandemic. The agenda was posted with access information for the public to also join the meeting via conference call. Mayor Soseman (via phone) stated that we are allowed to hold the meeting the way we are due to mandates that Governor Reynolds put in place on Mar. 20, 2020 and we are encouraging people to call in and join the meeting. She asked everyone participating via phone to please mute their phones until public forum, if they wish to speak. Mayor Soseman called the meeting to order with the following members present: GRANZEN, MILLER Present via phone: CURNYN, GARCIA, LOESCHEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA Motion Granzen/Miller to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion Miller/Loeschen to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 3/14/2020, 03/17/2020 (Council meeting); 03/17/2020 (Planning Session) & 3/31/2020; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve liquor license(s) for HyVee Food; d) approve Tax Abatement application for Gary & Jill Sebern. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM Beth Vogt (via phone) stated that the Governor said that we could hold meetings electronically, but never said we had to keep the public out of the meeting. Mayor Soseman read part of the declaration that Governor Reynolds released regarding electronic meetings on Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> and she also informed council that we had spoken with the City Attorney.

MOTION TO APPROVE EARLY RETIREMENT POLICY Motion Granzen/Garcia to approve the Early Retirement Policy. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE QUOTE FOR FEMA DISASTER PROJECT Motion Curnyn/Miller to approve the quote from Boeck Construction for FEMA Disaster No. 4421-DR-IA project. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION SETTING ANOTHER PLANNING SESSION Discussed setting another planning session. Consensus was to wait until things settle down and discuss it again at the end of May. No action taken.

DISCUSSION ON CAMERAS FOR CITY PROPERTY Discussion on cameras for City property. Consensus was for Koch to get quotes. No action taken.

MAYOR REPORT Mayor Soseman reported that she has been fielding calls from citizens and working closely with Public Health on COVID-19. She thanks and

appreciates essential businesses for remaining open. The Mayor asked everyone to become a mandatory reporter for gatherings they see of over 10 people and to call 263-3195 to report them. She reminded everyone of the importance of following the Center for Disease Control's guidelines. She thanked the Chamber for their work on the Gifts of Hope program and stated they had sold \$25,000 worth of gift cards for local businesses to date. The next food distribution is on Tues., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> and last week they distributed 9,000 lbs of food.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Crawford reported that we had to delay the quote deadline to Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> for the Aquatic Center due to steel suppliers being nonresponsive. According to the FAA, due to the CARES Act it appears that we will receive 100% funding on our \$660,000 airport project and not have to contribute the usual 10%. The housing board will meet electronically on Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Council stayed after the meeting to discuss collective bargaining, which is not subject to the open meetings law.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk