

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 7, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The first regular council meeting of the City of Denison, Iowa was held pursuant to law on the above date and hour. The agenda was posted with access information for the public to also join the meeting via conference call. Mayor Soseman called the meeting to order with the following members present: CURNYN, GARCIA, GRANZEN, LOESCHEN, MILLER

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
- MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA Motion Loeschen/Garcia to approve the agenda.
Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
- MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion Loeschen/Curnyn to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 6/16/2020; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve liquor license(s) for: Crawford county Fair Assoc. & Just One More; d) approve promoting Amy Nelson and Denima Lund to full-time dispatchers effective July 8, 2020 at the biweekly rate of \$1,709.16; e) approve hiring Ryan Doncheski as a Maint. Worker I effective July 8, 2020 at \$1,572.93 biweekly; f) approve hiring Eric Marten as a Maint. Worker IV effective July 8, 2020 at \$2,067.81 biweekly; g) approve hiring Brian Kepford as a seasonal Public Works employee at \$16.00/hr effective June 23, 2020. Ayes: 5 except Garcia abstained on item g (hiring Kepford). Motion carried.
- PUBLIC FORUM Miller informed council that he had contacted Craw. Co. Hospital about serology testing for employees. The cost would be \$115 (\$90 for the test & \$25 for the blood draw). Koch is waiting to hear from Wellmark whether insurance would cover the testing. Next agenda for discussion.
- DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Asst. Chief Peters said the Police Dept. report is in drop box. He said they were busy on the 4th with calls. He also reported that P.D. has received a lot of nice support from the public over the last few weeks. Walley reported that the Library is open from 9-6 Mon – Fri with a limit of 15 patrons at a time. Staff is required to wear masks. Wiebers reported that Public Works has been doing a lot of tree removal lately and have hired Lansing Tree Service to take down a tree on Broadway tomorrow. They have also helped at the Aquatic Center and with the fireworks display on the 3rd. Kempfert reported that the indoor and outdoor pool are now open 7 days with the same limitations in place as when they had reduced hours. Mini golf will be finishing up this coming weekend. Garcia was at the Aquatic Board meeting last night and they approved a bid to replace some fencing. The total bid was \$4,700 but \$1,800 of the fence replacement was for fence that had been taken down by volunteers that didn't need to be removed and she wasn't sure the City should have to incur that cost. There will be a committee to

discuss the fence and report back. Granzen discussed that kids are left alone without adult supervision, but we have 3 adult full-time supervisors so doesn't understand why that happens. Garcia will talk with the Aquatic Center Board about staffing. Crawford read Lechtenberg's written report for Boulders. Chief Snowgren's Fire Dept. report is in drop box.

DISCUSSION ON WAIVING
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
AT 324 NORTH 14TH STREET

Discussed waiving the special assessments on the vacant lot at 4th Ave N. & 14th St. (324 N. 14th St.) per Nathan and Amber Mahrt's proposal. Discussed that the City's Housing Board is also interested in the same lot. Crawford County currently holds the tax certificate and there is just over \$15,000 owed against the lot. If the City's special assessments are removed there is still \$3,891.72 owed against the lot in taxes. Mahrts need to see about purchasing the lot directly from the county. Consensus of council was that they would waive the special assessments at a later date if Mahrts are able to get an agreement with the county to purchase the lot. The Housing Board will look for a different location, if needed.

RESOLUTION #2020-27
TO AWARD CONTRACT
FOR HMA RESURFACING
ON AVE C & 7TH STREET

Resolution #2020-27 was introduced awarding contract for HMA resurfacing on Ave C & 7th St. Motion Miller/Loeschen that Resolution #2020-27 is adopted. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-28
TO APPROVE CONTRACT &
BOND FOR PHASE 3, STAGE 1
OF CROSSWIND RUNWAY

Resolution #2020-28 was introduced approving contract and bond for LeRoy & Sons for the Phase 3, Stage 1 grading and draining crosswind R/W 18/36. Motion Granzen/Garcia that Resolution #2020-28 is adopted. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Soseman reminded everyone to remain diligent about COVID-19. The Census Parade went well, and she did a ribbon cutting on Sat. July 4th. She had a downtown improvement committee meeting and they are working on re-branding the City of Denison. She is working on directional signs pointing to uptown, on a dining node and new banners for the light poles. We are currently at a 64.9% count in the Census.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Crawford reported that he has put together an engineer's estimate on N. 20th St. He has spoken with Koch and we can include this project with our bond issue this year. Council gave consensus to move forward with getting bids.

He informed council that our second FEMA project is out for bids now. Crawford informed council that that they approved our insurance renewal for property/casualty/work comp tonight in the bill packet. He wanted to point out that the premium only increased 3.2% overall. Koch informed council that was less than we expected and less than budgeted.

Crawford informed council that Koch had reviewed the project fund balance after June 30th fiscal year end and we will be able to do the slide steps, slide resurfacing and the roofs at the aquatic center.

Weller reported that he has been doing a lot of mowing on the levees. He has spoken with Koch and Miller about special sensors that are stand alone units and ran by solar power. Weller will call a flood committee meeting in the near future.

Ellis reported that he has been busy with code enforcement. He encourages everyone to call any complaints they have into City Hall. Mayor Soseman informed Ellis that Women in Business is willing to help cleanup areas so don't hesitate to contact them.

Crawford will get bids for the "Denison" hillside to remove the retaining walls and add additional rock.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk