

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, August 4, 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. Mayor Soseman called the meeting to order with the following members present: CURNYN, GARCIA, GRANZEN (arrived at 5:03), LOESCHEN, MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA Motion Garcia/Loeschen to approve the agenda but table item #20 – Discussion regarding Library Board member living outside city limits. Ayes: 4 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion Curnyn/Loeschen to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 07/21/2020; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve PCE #1 – Boeck Constr. – FEMA Project – Debris Removal; d) approve PCE #1 – Boeck Constr. – FEMA Project – Flap Gate Repairs; e) approve PCE#1 – LeRoy & Sons – Grading Phase 3, Stage 1 Crosswind R/W 18/36 . Ayes: 4 Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOAN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION ESSENTIAL PURPOSES Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. on Loan Agreement for General Obligation Essential Purposes. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Soseman declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON LOAN AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION CORPORATE PURPOSES Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. on Loan Agreement for General Obligation Corporate Purposes. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Soseman declared the hearing closed.

PUBLIC HEARING ON NORTH 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET PROJECT Public Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. on the N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Project. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Soseman declared the hearing closed.

GRANZEN ARRIVED Granzen arrived at 5:03 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM Jennifer Smith informed council that the mini-golf project is finished and there will be a grand opening on Fri. She thanked council for their support of the project. Council thanked Jennifer for all her time in the project.

Mario Flores asked about the process for peddler/solicitor permits and asked if any changes had been made to exempt non-profits. He was told P&Z is still working on a policy recommendation to bring to council so nothing has changed yet.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Martens reported that Public Works has been working on clearing trees, spraying weeds at curbs, tree removal, patching, and painting parking lines. Wiebers reported that they've also been doing shoulder work on N. 10<sup>th</sup> & Ave C plus tweaking signal lights. Peters reported that Officer Romero was deployed on Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> for 12 months. Peters attended the "Back the Blue" party and P.D. has received 28 thank you notes from the public. Granzen stated that P.D. needs to be using Schaffer's car in his absence. Weller reported that he changed the delay in the traffic light at the intersection of 16<sup>th</sup> St & Hwy 30. The filters in the control box cabinets of traffic lights all needed changed and he has taken pictures of the components currently in the boxes. He is going to prepare lists for levies to be able to show the inspector what has been done and he is setting up a flood control meeting. Walley reported that the Library is still open limitedly with modified hrs of 9-6, Mon-Fri. Haynes is retiring on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> & custodian at the end of Aug. Snowgren, Lechtenberg & Kempfert provided written reports.

MOTION TO APPOINT HAZEL GONZALEZ TO LIBRARY BOARD Motion Garcia/Loeschen to appoint Hazel Gonzalez to Library Board to replace Jessica Martens. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO REJECT BID FROM PHEASANTS FOREVER AND TO DONATE SKID UNIT TO THEM Motion Garcia/Granzen to reject the bid from Pheasants Forever on the Fire Dept. used skid unit and to donate the skid unit to Pheasants Forever. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON JANETT PROPERTY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT Discussed the special assessment on Janett property at 222 S. Main St. Kristin Janett inquired about the assessment on the property on 1310 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S. also. Tabled until next meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACT WITH REGION XII FOR HOUSING REHAB GRANT Motion Granzen/Loeschen to approve Administrative Contract with Region XII for Housing Rehab grant. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-33 TO APPROVE PRELIM OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND INTENT TO ISSUE DEBT Resolution #2020-33 was introduced approving Preliminary Official Statement and intent to issue debt. Motion Loeschen/Miller that Resolution #2020-33 is adopted. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-34 TO AWARD CONTRACT TO TEN POINT CONSTRUCTION FOR NORTH 20<sup>TH</sup> STREET Resolution #2020-34 was introduced awarding contract to Ten Point Constr. for N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Motion Loeschen/Curnyn that resolution #2020-34 is adopted. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE QUOTES ON ALLEY AND STREET PROJECT Motion Miller/Granzen to approve quotes on part of alley from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> St. between Broadway and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. & part of street/alley between Broadway & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S. on W. side of 14<sup>th</sup> St. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE QUOTE FROM PHIL'S LAW FOR DENISON HILLSIDE Motion Loeschen/Curnyn to approve quote from Phil's Lawn to remove retaining walls and add more rock to Denison Hillside. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON BOULDERS  
CONFERENCE CENTER

Discussed Boulders Conference Center. Conference Center board member, Kinzer, reported to council that the board has begun talking to Laura Matthews but have also gone ahead with advertising for a full-time manager. Councilman Curnyn reported that this was just an initial discussion with Matthews to see if there is any interest. Garcia asked to have one point of contact and consensus of council was that would be Curnyn. No action taken.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Soseman reported that the Census is currently at 64.9%. She has a walk through up the uptown with Joni Ernest next Tues. The housing board is still looking for a lot for Homes for Iowa. She is resurrecting the Christmas Decoration committee. Planning session has been set for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> after the regular council meeting and the next quarterly walk through will be at the airport on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Crawford reported that he has been discussing the annexation process with City Attorney, Brick because the Thamms family would like to be voluntarily annexed. Thanked Granzen for help analyzing the bids for the HVAC system at the Library. The contract is signed on the Ave C/7<sup>th</sup> St. project and we are waiting on DOT to set up the pre-construction meeting.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Motion Garcia/Granzen to enter closed session at 6:20 p.m. per IA code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual request a closed session. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 6:52 p.m.

MOTION TO GIVE PETERS AND  
GALLENTINE 5 EXTRA DAYS  
OF VACATION

Motion Garcia/Miller to give Doug Peters and Sue Gallentine an extra 5 working days of vacation to be used within 6 months of Schaffer's return to work with the ability to ask for an extension due to COVID-19 related issues keeping them from using the additional in the 6 months. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk