

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The second 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 (via phone), LOESCHEN, MILLER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA Motion Loeschchen/Curnyn to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion Garcia/Miller to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 09/01/2020; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve Cash & Activity Report – August 2020; d) approve Budget Report – August 2020; e) approve liquor license(s) for Ampride; f) approve Change Order #1 – Ten Point Constr. – N. 20th St. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM Weller informed council about the flood meeting at noon today. We will be getting a sensor to put on the bridge at K Ave to try before we purchase more.

Jean Heiden from the Housing Committee updated council. The committee has looked at lots for Homes for Iowa and have identified six possibilities. Region XII is going to come look at the lots to see if any are suitable before they proceed. They want to contact Bob Josten to find out how the City can use LMI funds and want to check on tax credits. Several attempts have been made to reach Steve Gilbert with Rural Housing 360 to no avail. She asked the City to get information to the banks that there is down payment assistance money available from the City. Garcia suggested getting the information out on social media so the public is also aware.

MOTION TO APPROVE REGION XII TECH SERVICES CONTRACT FOR CDBG HOUSING REHAB Motion Loeschchen/Garcia to approve Region XII Technical Services Contract for CDBG housing rehab program. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE REGION XII SUB-RECIPIENT CONTRACT FOR CDBG HOUSING REHAB Motion Loeschchen/Curnyn to approve Region XII Sub-Recipient Contract for CDBG housing rehab program. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE ADMIN PLAN FOR CDBG HOUSING REHAB Motion Miller/Loeschchen to approve Administrative Plan for CDBG housing rehab program. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADOPT SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 122	Motion Miller/Loeschen to adopt the 2 nd reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 122 – Peddlers, Solicitors & Transient Merchants. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
TABLE RESOLUTION AMENDING PERMIT FEES FOR CHAPTER 122	Garcia pointed out to council that the permit fees proposed in the resolution seem high compared to communities around us. Council will continue to review the fees. Tabled the Resolution amending Civil Penalties & Fines for Chapter 122 until the ordinance is passed.
ORDINANCE #1526 TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 CODE VIOLATION FEES	Ordinance #1526 was introduced amending Chapter 50 – Nuisance Abatement to amend code violation fees. Motion Curnyn/Garcia to waive the 2 nd & 3 rd readings. Ayes: 5 Motion carried. Motion Curnyn/Loeschen that Ordinance #1526 is adopted. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
REMOVE RESOLUTION TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 CIVIL PENALTIES & FINES	Removed the Resolution amending Civil Penalties & Fines for Chapter 50 from the agenda as the City Attorney included the fees in the ordinance. No action taken.
RESOLUTION #2020-40 TO APPROVE ANNUAL STREET FINANCE REPORT FOR FY19-20	Motion Miller/Garcia to approve Resolution #2020-40 approving the Annual Street Finance Report for FY 19-20. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
MOTION TO HIRE MARTENS AS PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR	Motion Loeschen/Granzen to hire Eric Martens as Public Works Director at a salary of \$70,000.00 per year with evaluations at 6 months, 12 months and then annually plus give him 10 days vacation and 5 days sick leave immediately. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
MOTION TO APPROVE BOULDERS CONFERENCE CENTER VENUE MGMT SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COPPER RIDGE FARM, LLC	Motion Garcia/Curnyn to approve Boulders Conference Center Venue Management Services Agreement with Copper Ridge Farm, LLC subject to City Attorney adding indemnification language. The City Council will approve the final agreement at the next meeting on Oct. 6 th and no payment will be issued to Copper Ridge Farm, LLC until the agreement is fully completed. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
MOTION TO SPEND \$5,000 IN LOST FOR CHRISTMAS DÉCOR	Motion Miller/Garcia to authorize \$5,000 budgeted in LOST to be spent to purchase Christmas decorations. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.
DIRECTION TO CHANGE R1 FRONT AND REAR SETBACKS TO 20 FEET PER P&Z RECOMMENDATION	Council directed staff to have the City Attorney prepare an ordinance amendment based on P&Z recommendation to change front and rear setbacks in R1 zones to 20 feet. No action taken.
DIRECTION TO REMOVE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FROM CITY MANAGER TITLE	Council directed staff to have the City Attorney prepare an ordinance amendment for Chapter 21 to remove Public Works Director from the City Manager title and put the supervision of the Public Works Director under the City Manager. No action taken.

TABLED FLOOD CONTROL
DUTIES & SUPERVISION

Tabled the discussion on Flood Control duties & supervision.

DIRECTION TO AMEND FEES
FOR BUILDING PERMITS

Council directed staff to have the City Attorney prepare and ordinance amendment/resolution amending fees for building permits. No action taken.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Soseman reported that the census is 87% complete. She saw trash all over the ground at Washington Park and someone hanging on the basketball hoops. She is asking the public to please be respectful of the parks. She reminded everyone the Brew & 'Que is this weekend. Nemitz needs more volunteers for the Arbor Committee so if anyone is interested let him know. Mayor Soseman spoke with public health and based on their recommendations Trick or Treating is currently on hold.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Crawford is asking the public not to use the streets on Ave C & 7th St. that are under construction but to use the detour. Crawford received a request from a property owner to work in the alley behind his business on Ave C. The alley has had a concrete barrier in place for years because the alley is not safe for vehicular traffic due to a sharp drop off. Consensus of the council was for Crawford to work with the City Attorney on a temporary hold harmless agreement to allow them access but to make sure to include a completion timeline.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk