

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, November 3, 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, MILLER absent: LOESCHEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH REMOVAL OF 10/31/20 MINUTES AND ITEM #10 Motion Granzen/Curnyn to remove the 10/31/2020 minutes from the consent agenda because there was not a quorum so no meeting and table item #10 as we have not received quotes for cameras yet then approve the agenda. Ayes: 4 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA Motion Miller/Granzen to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 10/20/2020; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve PCE #2-final Boeck Constr – FEMA debris removal project (project 113650); d) approve PCE #2-final Boeck Constr. – FEMA flap gates repairs (project 138377); e) approve PCE #2 Ten Point – Ave C/7<sup>th</sup> St.; f) approve PCE #2 Ten Point – N. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Ayes: 4 Motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM None.

HEARING ON SAMUEL PULLEN APPEAL ON DANGEROUS ANIMAL REMOVAL A hearing was held on the appeal from Samuel Pullen for removal of a dangerous animal from City limits per City Ordinances, Chapter 56. Mr. Pullen was present via phone. Motion Granzen/Curnyn to uphold the order to remove the animal from City limits per Chapter 56 of City ordinances. Ayes: 4 Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS Schaffer reported that the new squad car arrived early. He asked council to let people know that Christmas Crusade is beginning. Martens reported that snow equipment is ready to go. Public works used the new pickup sander for the first snow and they also tried applying brine to streets, nodes and sidewalks. They started putting up some of the Christmas decorations. Quotes to repair 12<sup>th</sup> Street came in too high so they will cold patch the bad spots to get through the winter and get new quotes in the spring. The mudjackers are here and are working on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave N., South Park and Ridgeway. Kempfert reported that Swim Team began on Sunday. Water aerobics classes continue. They have begun winterizing the outdoor pool and minigolf. He has a virtual IA Parks & Rec workshop tomorrow. The Parks & Rec Board is discussing a teen advisory board for programs. Hipnar will begin cutting down trees at Washington Park tomorrow. The board also began discussing the need for a full-time person at the Aquatic Center during all operating hours. Snowgren had emailed a report to council as he was continuing to do inspections for WESCO. Granzen added to Snowgren's report that the county hired a consultant to continue

working on the communication system that was previously being done by volunteers. Open burning is set for Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

FLOOD CONTROL AND  
TRAFFIC LIGHT REPORT

Weller reported that he has been working on removing trees on/around the levy and he had Kepford spray. He has been working on traffic lights and the camera at 16<sup>th</sup> Street has not been working properly. He ordered 20 pedestrian walk signs to replace the faded signs. Ellis reported that he continues to work on the violations list and is focusing on housing numbers. He explained the process that he goes through when notifying a resident about a code violation and told council to call him at the office anytime.

MOTION TO HIRE MIKE VOGT  
AS STREET COMMISSIONER

Motion Miller/Granzen to hire Mike Vogt as the Street Commissioner at a starting wage of \$56,000.00 plus give him two weeks' vacation and one week of sick leave. Additionally, Vogt will be evaluated after 6 months, 12 months and 24 months for the possibility of \$1,000 wage increase at each evaluation. Ayes: 4 Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Soseman reported that there is now an online link for code complaints. She would like to create an on-line application for volunteers to fill out. The downtown improvement committee will be reviewing the RFP's sent out for rebranding. She would like to set another planning session for Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> after the regular council meeting. Eric Martens will be the City representative on the Arbor Committee. Granzen would like us to look at doing some kind of online permit process.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Crawford reported that it looks like N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street project will overrun the contract by \$285.35. Ave C/7<sup>th</sup> Street will come in around \$890,000 which will be under budget on both. Vendors have been to City Hall and are preparing quotes for possible cameras. Crawford is working on an appraisal of the Weiss property for the Safe Routes to Schools Trail grant, but the project wouldn't be eligible until 2023 for construction. He is working on sending out an RFP for a business plan for the wellness center. Koch informed council that she had applied for a grant for COVID reimbursement from both the State and FEMA. The State has awarded the City just over \$195,000 and we are waiting to hear from FEMA.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk