REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The 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, Logan, Miller, Zupp-Smith, and Granzen via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
AGENDA APPROVED	Motion by Miller, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED	Motion by Miller, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for February 18, 2025 regular meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve cash & activity report-01/2025; d) approve budget report-01/2025; e) approve bank reconciliation-01/2025; f) approve liquor licenses for: Dollar General #3887 (Change in Ownership); The Old Fashioned; Primetimes LLC; g) approve appointment of Rod Olson to replace Mike Vogt to Northside Recreation Board, term expiring 09/2026; and h) approve reappointment of Brian Ettleman to Denison Municipal Utilities Utility Board of Trustees, term expiring 02/2031. Motion carried unanimously.
NO CITIZEN INPUT	There was no Citizen Input.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS	Trejo, Police Chief, reviewed staff training and stated he applied for the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau Grant in the amount of $50,000 and for the JAG grant for $70,000 for VR equipment. Walley, Library Director, stated the Laura Inglalls Wilder event had over 60 people in attendance. Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed concession financials and stated that Washington Park playground equipment is ready for summer.

DONNA REED THEATRE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION	An update was given on the Donna Reed Theatre and discussion was held on a potential development agreement with Donna Reed Foundation (DRF). Mary Beth and Hank Hershey were in attendance representing the DRF. They stated the winter weather has caused additional damage to the parapets and they would like to move forward with the State of Iowa Emergency Catalyst grant. They reported the repairs are approximately $200,000.00 and the grant will cover $100,000.00. The State would like the City to sign a development agreement and provide an in-kind contribution. Council would like Garcia and Flaherty to look at different funding ideas including, Tourism funds, waiving building permits, and tax abatement, for the City's in-kind contribution towards the grant.
NAMING RIGHTS FOR CITY OWNED FACILITIES AND PROJECTS DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on Naming Rights for City Owned Facilities and Projects. Garcia received communication from Monogram Foods for Wellness Center naming rights based off their $1.5 million donation.
	Logan left at 5:44 p.m.
PROPOSED AGREEMENT QUESTIONS	Garcia reviewed questions regarding the proposed agreement including, field house name and logos, logos on staff clothing, and signage.
	Logan returned at 5:46 p.m.
SIGNAGE REPAIR EXPENSE DISCUSSION	Council would like Garcia to receive clarification on signage repairs, if the City is responsible for all expenses for the repairs and deterioration to signs and fine tune exhibit A. Garcia would like to have the agreement finalized at the next Council meeting.
LAWN CARE SERVICES FOR NORTHSIDE REC AREA DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on lawn care services for Northside Rec Area. Council reviewed the City mowing a portion of the area for 28 and 32 weeks. Garcia requests only looking at $15.00 wage as that is what the school is paying. Council believes with the low usage, the City should only have to mow twice per week with the potential savings of $3,210.00. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve the contract for Lawns Perfected for Spraying Services for the Northside Rec Area, in the amount of $22,800.00 and for the City to mow a portion of the property. Roll Call: Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Logan, Curnyn, Miller Nays: Granzen. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote.
FY 25/26 BUDGET DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on the FY 25/26 Budget. Flaherty stated property tax will slightly increase this year and will bring back a finalized budget after the Northside Rec mowing numbers are adjusted.

STEADFAST CITY GRANT WIRITNG PROPOSAL APPROVVED	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the Steadfast City grant writing proposal. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION #2025-11 INTRODUCED	Resolution #2025-11 was introduced providing for the issuance of $2,505,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2025 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve Resolution #2025-11. Roll Call: Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Logan, Curnyn, Granzen. Nays: Miller. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote.
RESOLUTION #2025-12 INTRODUCED	Resolution #2025-12 was introduced Setting Policy for Dropbox Access. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve Resolution #2025-12. Motion carried unanimously.
MAYOR'S REPORT	Soseman reported that she is continuing to work with LULAC on the Immigrant Heritage Festival, Hot Summer Nights, and Women in Business Organization Farm to Table meal. She will be sitting on the Leading Edge panel.
CITY MANAGER REPORT	Garcia reported that she met with Steadfast and is working on outstanding items. She met with Emergency Management regarding an emergency action plan for BBQ fest.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk