REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 6, 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 Pro-Tem Curnyn called the meeting to order with the following members present: Curnyn, Granzen, Logan, and Zupp-Smith. Absent: Miller.

Mayor Pro-Tem Curnyn led the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVED	Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve the agenda and move item # 28, Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, to Allow for the Limited Keeping of Backyard Poultry for Personal Use, after item #12, and table item #17a Discussion and possible motion to approve the estimate for the Aquatic Center Plunge Pool repairs, item #17b Discussion and possible motion to approve the estimate for the Aquatic Center lighting options, and item #17c Discussion and possible motion to approve the estimate for Aquatic Center indoor pool overflow drains and grate repair. Motion carried unanimously.
PUBLIC HEARING: 2025 CITY OF DENISON AIRPORT STREET SEAL COAT PROJECT	The 5:00 p.m. public hearing was held on the Proposed Plans and Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of costs for the 2025 City of Denison Airport Street Seal Coat Project. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Pro-Tem Curnyn declared the public hearing closed.
PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT OF FY 2024-2025 BUDGET	The 5:00 p.m. public hearing was held on FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #2. There were no written or oral objections. Mayor Pro-Tem Curnyn declared the public hearing closed.
CONSET AGENDA APPROVED	Motion by Logan, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for April 15, 2025 regular meeting and April 22, 2025 special meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve liquor licenses for: Chamber & Development Council of Crawford County; d) approve tobacco permits for: Ampride Truck Plaza, Casey's #2489, Fareway Stores #15, R Smokes Plus, S & S Convenience Store LLC, Walmart Inc, DBA Walmart #1732; e) approve the Special Event Permit and waive the application fee: Crawford County Memorial Day Celebration; f) approve the Special Event Permit, waive the application fee/deposit, and be a City Sponsored Event for: National Night Out, Hot Summer Nights 2025; g) approve State of Iowa GAX Claim #1 in the amount of $857,363.35 for the Destination Iowa reimbursement; and h) approve appointment of Sherri Vaugh-Sebern to replace Seth Weis to Board of Adjustment, term expiring 06/2028. Motion carried unanimously.

NO CITIZEN INPUT	There was no Citizen Input.
FIRE CHIEF GAVE UPDATE ON RFP	Snowgren, Fire Chief, reported that the Request for Proposals for the 4x4 Tanker Fire Apparatus closes tomorrow and he hopes to receive two sets of specifications.
POLICE CHIEF DISCUSSED GRANT THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED	Trejo, Police Chief, stated the department received the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau grant in the amount of $15,900.00 and the funding will be used for wages, a new speed trailer, and impaired simulator googles. He stated the department also received the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of $45,000.00 and will use the funding towards a virtual simulator.
CITIZEN CONCERN	Discussion was held on City Infrastructure. Jim Allen, a Denison resident, stated that he is unhappy with the street projects as the City is only completing overlays and not reconstruction projects. He believes better communication should be given to staff members and utilities should be replaced when a reconstruction project is being completed. Council stated the City utilizes the City Engineer's advice on when a road is paved versus an overlay, project timing, and has spent $5.48 million on street projects since 2020 including $2.4 million in 2025. Eygabroad, City Engineer, stated that Beck Engineering monitors all projects and daily inspections. They are on site depending on the timing of the project and hire an outside firm for soil testing. Beck Engineering follows IDOT and SUDAS for projects.
TAX ABATEMENT APPROVED FOR 811 WILD ROSE LANE	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve tax abatement for 811 Wild Rose Drive effective 4/26/2024. Motion carried unanimously.
ENGINEERING UPDATE	Jason Eygabroad, Beck Engineering, reviewed the timeline for 2nd Avenue South with plans being approved in June 2025 and the bid letting in July 2025. They are looking at late summer/early fall or early spring construction. There will be three blocks of total reconstruction and a new storm sewer. Eygabroad gave an update on the 20th Street Storm Sewer. The contractor is installing structures and intends to be done with the installation this week. There was a section of pipe that was upsized, and it will require a cost increase. The lining is scheduled for mid to late May with the completion date of May 23, 2025. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Change Order #1 from OnTrack Construction, LLC, in the amount of $1,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Eygabroad gave an update on the Airport Street Seal Coat Project. He stated the project bid was under the engineer's estimate. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to Award the Notice of Award Contract for the 2025 City of Denison Airport Street Seal Coat Project to Blacktop Service, in the amount of $60,644.56. Motion carried unanimously.

Eygabroad reported that a storm sewer pipe on North 24th Street has separated and created a wash out. They believe this is a safety concern and needs to be repaired. Flaherty stated there should be extra funding in the 2024 bond funds to pay for the repairs. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the estimate from OnTrack for North 24th Street Storm Sewer repair on a time and material basis, in the amount of $15,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Eygabroad stated that Public Works reported a sink hole in the asphalt on 1st Avenue South and it is causing the road to fail. Flaherty stated there should be extra funding in the 2024 bond funds to pay for the repairs. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the estimate from On Track, for the 1st Ave South Storm Sewer repair, in the amount of $26,780.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON THE ORDIANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF ORDIANCES OF THE CITY OF DENISON

Discussion was held on the Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, to Allow for the Limited Keeping of Backyard Poultry for Personal Use. Several citizen spoke regarding their concerns including poultry running lose, avian flu, code violations, roosters, chickens inside residential properties, property values dropping, and smell. Council discussed conducting an online pole, making changes to the ordinance including increasing the distance from structures, consent from neighbors, and decreasing the amount of hens.

DISCUSSION ON ORDIANCE RECCOMENDED TO TABLE

Motion by Logan to table the ordinance. Motion died due to a lack of a second. Discussion continued. Curnyn stated that he is unable to attend the next Council meeting and does not want the ordinance on the agenda.

TABLED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF ORDIANCES OF THE CITY OF DENISON, IOWA

Motion by Logan, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to table the Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, to Allow for the Limited Keeping of Backyard Poultry for Personal Use, until the 2nd meeting in June. Roll call: Ayes: Logan, Zupp-Smith; Nays: Curnyn, Granzen. Motion died. Discussion continued on how to proceed. Garcia asked the Denison Free Press to list her email as a contact for citizens to express their interest or concerns regarding the proposed ordinance.

TABLED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DENISON, IOWA	Motion Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to table the Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, to Allow for the Limited Keeping of Backyard Poultry for Personal Use. Roll Call: Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Logan, Curnyn. Nays: Granzen. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote.
COMMUNICATION CENTER POLICIES DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on updating the Communication Center Policies. Chief Snowgren provided Council a draft with Fire Department recommendations. Chief Trejo made minor changes and is working with Dispatcher Howland to review the current policies. Trejo and Snowgren will meet and work on draft policies and run cards before the next Council meeting.
THE STANDARD RENEWAL DISCUSSION	Discussion was held on The Standard renewal. Zupp-Smith would like to remove a portion of the benefits before the next renewal period. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve The Standard renewal policy for one year. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVED BOYER FIELD SUBLEASE AGREEMENT	Discussion and possible motion to approve the Boyer Fields Sublease Agreement. Garcia stated that the Denison Municipal Utilities board, City Attorney, and insurance approved the proposed agreement. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the Boyer Fields Sublease Agreement with clarifications on the hired officer and mowing. Motion carried unanimously.
DISCUSSION TO CHANGE LANGUAGE ON SIDEWALK INSPECTION PROGRAM	Discussion was held on the Sidewalk Inspection Program. Garcia reported the payment options are confusing to the public and City staff is spending a vast amount of time on the explaining the options. Garcia would like to review the payment option language and bring changes back to Council.
RELEASE OF RESERVE REQUEST AT 2002 RIDGEWAY DRIVE APPROVED	Discussion was held on the Release of Reserve request at 2002 Ridgeway Drive. Garcia stated there was a fire at the property. The City has inspected the property, and the structure was not compromised. Garcia reported that the property's insurance company is holding reserve until they receive a release from the City. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Logan, to allow the Mayor to sign the Release of Reserve request at 2002 Ridgeway Drive. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVED BOULDERS VENUE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH A PROVISION	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to approve the Boulders Conference Center – Venue Management Services Agreement and add a provision that Majestic employees are not City employees. Motion carried unanimously.
TABLED PLANNED EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to table the Planned Equipment Maintenance Proposal with Cummings Sales and Service. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED BOA DECISION	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve the Board of Adjustment decision at 103 South 27th Street. Motion carried unanimously.
BOA DECISIONS REVIEWED ONLY IF APPEAL IS MADE	Council stated that they do not want to review the Board of Adjustment decisions unless there is an appeal.
DISCUSSION ON P&Z RECCOMENDATION TO APPROVE ADDITIONAL PARKING STALLS FOR THE BAKE SHOP	Discussion was held on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve additional street parking stalls for The Bakeshop. The Bakeshop is requesting stalls on the west side of the building. WESCO will pay for and install the concrete. Garcia stated that Public Works will remove the tree and the City will maintain the parking. Discussion was held on making a one-way alley. The previous building inspector and affected businesses are in favor of the one-way alley. WESCO will work with the City on drainage issues. Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Granzen, to approve the right-of-way parking for the Bakeshop. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVED SENIOR CENTER LEASE	Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Granzen, to approve the Senior Center Lease with clarification on cleaning. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVED TITLE SPONSOR RIGHTS AGREEMENT	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve the Title Sponsor Rights Agreement with Monogram Food Solutions, LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
DISCUSSION ON STATE OF IOWA COMMUNITY CATALYST PROGRAM	Discussion was held on State of Iowa Community Catalyst Program. Garcia recommends Council give the authorization for the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) to complete the Community Catalyst Grant application. She stated the City and Donna Reed Foundation can work on the development agreement after the grant is awarded. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to authorize the IEDA to complete the State of Iowa Community Catalyst Grant. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION #2025-21 INTRODUCED AND APPROVED	Resolution #2025-21 was introduced Amending the Current Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2025-21. Motion carried unanimously.
TABLED ORDIANCES AMENDING CHAPTER 68 OF THE CODE OF ORDIANCNES OF THE CITY OF DENISON, IOWA	Motion by Logan, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to table Ordinance Amending Chapter 68 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Parking Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.
THANKED MAYOR FOR NODE MAINTENANCE	Curnyn thanked Mayor Soseman for spearheading the node maintenance with Public Works and Iowa Prison Industries.

CITY MANAGER REPORT	Garcia reported that she and Flaherty completed the Administrative Assistant interviews and hope to have a decision made by the end of week. She will be off part of next week and the following Monday for graduation.
ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION	Motion by Granzen, seconded by Logan, to enter closed session at 7:17 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 requests a closed session. Roll call: Ayes: Granzen, Logan, Curnyn; Nays: Zupp-Smith. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote.
RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to return to open session at 8:03 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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Corey Curnyn, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

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Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk