SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The special called 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, and Zupp-Smith. Absent: Granzen arrived at 5:05 p.m. and Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
MOTION TO TABLE YMCA AGREEMENT	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve the agenda and table item #12, discussion and possible motion to approve the YMCA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
CITIZEN INPUT	There was no citizen input.
OATH OF OFFICE	Mayor Soseman administered the Police Officer Oath of Office for James Krajicek.
GARBAGE REQUEST 1314 2ND AVE N	Discussion was held on the garbage request for 1314 2nd Avenue North. The property owner has been charged for three 35-gallon containers since January 2025 and has occasionally used two of the three containers. The owners are requesting a refund of $192.00 for the additional costs of the two containers.
	Granzen arrived at 5:05 p.m.
CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON GARBAGE REQUEST 1314 2ND AVE N	Council agrees that the owner of the property had the responsibility for contacting City Hall regarding the extra containers and would refund the owner half of the request. Council would like to have the City Attorney review the code. Motion by Logan, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the garbage refund for 1314 2nd Avenue North, in the amount of $96.00. Roll Call: Ayes: Logan, Curnyn, Granzen; Nays: Zupp-Smith. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote.
MOTION TO APPROVE JF GENERAL CONSTRUCT PROPOSAL	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Logan, to approve the proposal from JF General Construction, LLC, for Air Return Grate replacement, in the amount of $9,287.60. Motion carried unanimously.
DISCUSSION ON BOYER FIELD PROPERTY	Discussion was held on the Boyer Field property owned by Denison Municipal Utilities (DMU). The school would like to purchase the bowl field and freshman field at the Northside Recreation Complex. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has placed a land use restriction on the Northside Rec

	Complex. If the City agrees to dispose of the property, the City would need to find a location with a comparable land size and then transfer the restriction to that property. Garcia has spoken with DMU and they are open to discussions on transferring the property as long as the City will cover attorney fees, the property continues to be an outdoor recreation area, and they have the First Right of Refusal. Garcia will continue conversations with the DNR, DMU, and the School regarding the properties.
DISCUSSION ON DONNA REED FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT	Discussion was held on the development agreement with Donna Reed Foundation (DRF). Garcia stated that the City is pass-through for Community Catalyst Grant but the City and DRF must have a development agreement. The proposed agreement includes a tax abatement, waiver of permit fees, and potentially grant funding from the Tourism Board. The agreement also states the City is the requestor of funds and outlines the reimbursement process to the DRF. Council would like to put the agreement on the next agenda for approval.
DISCUSSION ON AT&T AGREEMENT	Discussion was held on the AT&T Agreement. Council would like to proceed with one of two options. Option one, attaching an antenna to the light poles with the stipulation that AT &T replaces the poles if they equipment is at fault for damages and $2,250.00 per month or option two, a land lease for $2,000.00 per month.
REINSTATE AGENDA ITEM	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to reinstate item 12, discussion and possible motion to approve the YMCA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVAL OF YMCA MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT	Discussion was held on the YMCA Agreement. Council would like to move forward with a management agreement. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the presented document as a management agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
MOTION TO TABLE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK	Motion by Logan, seconded by Granzen, to table Resolution Adopting an Updated Employee Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.
DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC WORKS HANDBOOK	Discussion was held on the Public Works handbook. Council would like to see the following removed “at the end of the fiscal year, any unused funds will be divided: 50% to the Public Works Capital Improvement Account and 50% paid as a bonus on the last paycheck of the fiscal year.”

RESOLUTION #2025-50 ADOPTING PUBLIC WORKS HANDBOOK	Resolution #2025-50 was introduced adopting an Updated Employee Handbook for Public Works Department with the exception. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to adopt Resolution #2025-50 with the proposed changes. Motion carried unanimously.
MAYOR UPDATE	Soseman was contacted by a property owner regarding a partially removed tree and she worked BBQ fest.
CITY MANAGER UPDATE	Garcia stated that she and Flaherty attended the League conference last week and that she sat on a panel during the conference. She reported that the Administrative Assistant position has been posted, and interviews will be conducted. Garcia stated that the new financial software company is pushing up implementation meetings for payroll and the municipal infraction case was continue for 30 more days.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk