REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The regular called council meeting of the City of Denison, Iowa, was held pursuant to law on the above date and hour. Mayor Logan called the meeting to order with the following members present: Crawford, Granzen, Jones, Peterson, and Zupp-Smith.

Mayor Logan led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Peterson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
POST SEALED BIDS TO DISPOSE OF CITY PROPERTY	The 5:00 p.m. public hearing was held on the Post Sealed Bids to Dispose of City Property. There were no written or oral objections. Logan declared the public hearing closed.
APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 09/15/2026 second regular meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve wellness center financials: 082026; and d) approve tax abatement for: 1974 Abby Lane. Motion carried unanimously.
CITIZEN INPUT	There was no Citizen Input.
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORTS	Olson, Public Works Director, stated the department is using iPads for work orders, and reviewed pothole and alley prioritization. Logan inquired if the equipment is ready for winter and Olson stated the department is working on it. Garcia reported that Bluffs Paving should start paving 2nd Avenue South next week. Meyer, Library Director, reported that the lobby remodel is complete. She reviewed past and upcoming programs and submitted the annual report. Granzen inquired about the ceiling leak and Garcia stated it is condensation from the unit. Ellis, Parks & Rec Director, stated the park bathrooms and pool are being winterized.

Peterson asked how much work Ellis performs at the pool. Ellis stated that he completes major repairs and addresses issues as he is a Certified Pool Operator and his certification is associated with the pool.

Zupp-Smith thanked the Parks Departments for removing a volunteer tree.

Snowgren, Fire Chief, reported that it is Fire Prevention Week and thanked Council for letting him attend the strategic planning session.

Zupp-Smith inquired about transition planning and offered support if needed.

Trejo, Police Chief, reported on National Night Out and stated that the transmission had failed in a patrol car but was still covered by warranty.

Zupp-Smith inquired about the ILEAP meeting and the timeline for the department policies. Trejo hopes the policies will be complete by the end of the year.

CARROLL REFUSE FUEL REQUEST

Discussion was held on the Carroll Refuse fuel request. Garcia reported that Carroll Refuse requested a fuel stipend and that the last stipend was provided in 2022. Council members stated that the City had signed a two-year agreement and needed to abide by the contract. Motion by Peterson, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to decline the fuel request and allow Carroll Refuse to present the request again if desired. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT FOR BROADBAND SERVICES

Discussion was held on the Agreement for Broadband Services. Craig Dozark, County Supervisor, stated that it is a three-party agreement among the County, DMU, and City for broadband services. The proposed agreement is backdated to March, when the service was renegotiated. Flaherty stated that no payment has been issued because the amounts in the current agreement were incorrect and the agreement needed to be updated. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Jones, to approve the Agreement for Broadband Services, backdated to March 12, 2026, in the revised amount of $866.65, pending legal approval. Motion carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH CONTINENTAL ALARM & DETECTION FOR BOULDERS CONFERENCE CENTER	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Jones, to approve the agreement with Continental Alarm & Detection for the Boulders Conference Center. Motion carried unanimously.
CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE – FIRE DEPARTMENT GENERATOR REPAIR ESTIMATES	Motion by Crawford, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve the estimates from Cummins Sales & Service for the Fire Department generator, in the amount of $4,586.18. Motion carried unanimously. Logan thanked the Fire Department for completing the repairs in-house.
TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT – SCHWEBECH TREE SERVICE	Discussion was held on the proposal for the Tree Removal Contract. Garcia reported that the bid tabulations were available in Dropbox and recommended Schwebech Tree Service. She stated that the bid covers 100 trees and stump removal at $50.00 per stump, with the work to be completed by the end of October or early November. Garcia reported that grant funds would cover most of the expenses and that the Council could use LOST funds to pay the remainder. Council members stated that they supported local contractors but also needed to support property owners. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Jones, to approve the proposal from Schwebech Tree Service, include stump grinding, and authorize the use of LOST funds for expenses not covered by the grant. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR AUDIT SERVICES FROM BERGAN KDV	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to approve the proposal from Bergan KDV for Audit Services. Motion carried unanimously.
RESCIND AGREEMENT FROM JEO CONSULTING GROUP FOR URBAN FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN	Motion by Crawford, seconded by Granzen, to rescind the agreement between the City of Denison and JEO Consulting Group, Inc for Professional Services for the Urban Forestry Management Plan, in the amount of $4,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.
APPROVE AGREEMENT FROM JEO CONSULTING GROUP FOR TREE PLANTING SITE PLAN AND GUIDLELINES	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Crawford, to approve the agreement between the City of Denison and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. for professional services for the Tree Planting Site Plan and Guidelines in the amount of $7,240.00, with the task description revised to require delivery of GIS mapping to the City. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2026-51 – DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY	Resolution #2026-51 was introduced to Dispose of Real Property. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to authorize the City Manager to post sealed bids for the Burgess Property and to adopt Resolution #2026-51. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION #2026-52 – SETTING DESIGNATED PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS	Resolution #2026-52 was introduced Setting Designated Public Notifications. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Jones, to adopt Resolution #2026-52. Motion carried unanimously.
MAYOR REPORT	Logan spoke about former Councilmember Miller, his term on the Council, and his contributions to the community. He stated that the attendance of the community, firefighters, and surrounding fire departments at the funeral was truly beautiful. He congratulated Garcia on receiving the Rhonda Wood Smith Award at the Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference and stated that she was another example of a person who gives back to the community. Council would like to see more positive advertising for the great things the City is doing.
CITY MANAGER REPORT	Garcia stated she received the first draft of the Strategic Plan. She reviewed past and upcoming meetings and stated the tree planting will be on October 19, 2026. She is working on closing out the Destination Iowa and CAT grants and will be attending a TIF workshop in Harlan. She gave an update on street projects.
WELLNESS CENTER WALLS AND PADS	Zupp-Smith inquired if the Wellness Center walls and pads were under contract and Garcia reported they were.
CLOSED SESSION	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Peterson, to enter into closed session at 6:11 a.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. Motion carried unanimously.
OPEN SESSION	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to return to open session at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

WAGE RESOLUTION FOR CITY MANAGER	Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Peterson, to direct the City Clerk to prepare a wage resolution providing the City Manager with a raise for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:34 p.m., the meeting was adjourned given that there was no further business.

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Dustin Logan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk