

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – 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, LOGAN, MILLER

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| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance. |
| MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA | Motion Granzen/Curnyn to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5 Motion carried. |
| MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA | Motion Garcia/Curnyn to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 10/19/2021 council meeting & 10/19/2021 planning session; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve liquor license(s) for: Antojitos El Chero (new application) & Winter Snowcial (outdoor service); d) approve PCE #4 – Krohnke – FEMA river embankment project. Ayes: 5 Motion carried. |
| PUBLIC FORUM | PUBLIC FORUM: KR Buck asked about enforcement of vehicles on property along Hwy 30 & 7 th St.
Garcia had a citizen ask her if the city could take a look at the alley between 1 st Ave N & 2 nd Ave N.
Miller asked Crawford to look at widening the street at 4 th Ave N & 16 th St. to allow for bus turning. |
| DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS | Dept. Head Reports: Schaffer reported that on Oct. 12 th the Police Dept. had training on digital evidence. On Oct. 13 th he & Rod went to Carroll & Ft. Dodge to look at their CAD programs for dispatch. There were grant funds available but the grant closed. The assistant county attorney is looking for more grant opportunities. Oct. 30 th Sgt. McGinnis attended the Trick or Treat event at Washington Park. Christmas Crusade is now open for applications. Schaffer informed council that he had officially tendered his resignation today effective Dec. 1, 2021. Walley reported that she was on the KDSN talk show today. Library has lots of programming planned including a new adult crafting program on Fridays. The library had trick or treating at the library the morning of Oct. 30 th and then participated at the event in Washington Park that night. Their meeting room usage has increased. Kempfert reported that the Little Kickers finished on Sun. and he thanked all the volunteers. The Aquatic Center has lifeguard training going on now. Swim team begins Thursday. They were closed yesterday & today to have the backflow replaced. Indoor volleyball will begin in Dec. He took some playground tours and put pictures in dropbox. Martens reported the Public Works had the durapatcher for two weeks last month. They have sealed the new |

DEPARTMENT HEADS
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concrete that had been poured. Public Works & Aquatic Center participated in confined space training last week. They are getting ready for the winter and holidays. Martens & Vogt attended a winter maintenance workshop in Storm Lake today.

DISCUSSED LEASING BOYER
FIELDS FROM DMU

Discussed leasing Boyer Fields from DMU. Lease is being updated and Terry reviewed items that need to be changed/corrected. Rory will be taking the changes to DMU Board meeting on Nov. 15th. If DMU Board agrees with the changes, this will go back on council agenda on Nov 16th. No action taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE
SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR
WINTER SNOWCIAL

Motion Miller/Logan to approve Special Event Permit for CDC's Winter Snowcial and waive all fees for the event permit (not including liquor license). Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE
ANNUAL URBAN RENEWAL
REPORT

Motion Garcia/Miller to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY 20-21. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE
PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH
WEISS

Motion Logan/Granzen to approve purchase agreement with Marty Weiss for \$15,000.00 for the Safe Routes to Schools project. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-38
APPROVING CONTRACT WITH
BEDROCK GRAVEL FOR
AIRPORT GRADING &
DRAINAGE

Resolution #2021-38 was introduced approving contract and bond with Bedrock Gravel for airport grading & drainage project. Motion Garcia/Curnyn that resolution #2021-38 is adopted. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

DISCUSSED AMENDING
ORDINANCE ALLOWING
MAYOR TO CONTACT CITY
ATTORNEY

Discussed amending ordinance to allow mayor to contact the City Attorney. Consensus was to prepare an ordinance amendment allowing mayor to call attorney with two council members approval and as long as it is not something that city staff can answer or contact attorney about. No action taken.

DISCUSS AMERICAN
RECOVERY PLAN ACT FUNDS

Discussed American Recovery Plan Act funds. Crawford reviewed a list of possible projects including a Wellness Center, street replacement – sanitary manholes, storm sewer projects, broadband, affordable housing and DMU's water project. Koch asked council if they had any specific priorities so staff knows what direction to head. Council will email their list of priorities to Koch. Crawford reviewed again the deadlines the city needs to meet. We have to know by 12-31-2024 what the money will be spent on. The funds have to be spent by 12-31-2026. Koch clarified that they can not just be committed that they have to be spent and any unspent money has to be returned. No action taken.

MAYOR REPORT

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Soseman reported that the Halloween event at Washington Park was tremendous. The Christmas garland came in. The task force met once to discuss the next steps for when Crawford retires. She was asked about the number of vehicles allowed along Hwy 30 & 7th St. Crawford informed council that code enforcement has been working on the issues and he will talk to him about being more aggressive on these issues.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

CITY MANAGER REPORT: Crawford gave an update on the issue with Bucksnot/Chris Polley. On Oct. 26th Koch sent Mr. Polley the emails he requested but he still has not dismissed his IPIB claim or acknowledged receiving them. IPIB has been contacting the city attorney to see where we are at & all the information that was provided to Mr. Polley was also provided to IPIB. It was explained to IPIB that Mr. Polley had agreed to dismiss his claim in exchange for the emails. Crawford will follow-up with Mr. Polley. Asked council if they wanted to change "Public Forum" to "Citizen Input" on future agendas. Consensus was to try it. Crawford informed council that he would have everything ready for the housing meeting next week prior to his leaving for vacation. Granzen asked to have a discussion on S&S possibly building a spec house added to the housing agenda.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION PER IA CODE 21.5(1)(i)

Motion Garcia/Curnyn to enter closed session at 6:39 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. Ayes: 5 Motion carried.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 7:46 p.m. with no action taken.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa K. Koch, City Clerk