

**FIRST REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2022 – 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, MILLER. Absent: LOGAN.

Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Granzen / Curnyn to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller / Granzen to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 2/15/2022; b) approve the bills as presented, except for the removal of an invoice to Computer MD that is to be paid by the Fire Association; c) approve liquor license(s) for: Bogey's Grille & Hy-Vee Food Store. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Mayor Soseman administered the oath of office to Police chief Brandon Rinnan.

Citizen Input: Delfinia Quintanilla, translated by Mario Florez, asked what the city is doing to prevent people from selling food out of their homes because people come to her restaurant and tell her that they can buy the same food from someone's home and not pay tax. Staff explained that when we receive the address of someone suspected of selling food out of their home without a proper food inspection license, we notify the state food inspector who investigates. Staff then suggested that we could also notify the State Department of Revenue if they are suspected of not paying sales tax either.

Councilman Miller thanked Assistant Chief Doug Peters for stepping in as Acting Chief during the interim.

Councilman Miller expressed his displeasure on having a "polar vortex fee" on his gas bill each month.

Department Head Reports: Fire Chief Cory Snowgren reported that there is now a county burn ban in place that started at noon today, lasting 60 days. He reminded the public that cities and fire chiefs have the option to do controlled burns as needed. However, those who want to have controlled burns must contact their local fire department for permission year-round. Snowgren continued to say that 121 converters have been installed on fire hydrants. Brian Kempfert, Parks & Rec Director, reported that their babysitting and lifeguard classes are going well. Ten students have started lifeguard classes, and another 5-6 are registered for the next series. Some of his employees are transferring from concessions to lifeguard. He and Matt Winey from Public Works attended a tree conference at Iowa State University, and came back with some good information. Assistant Police Chief Doug Peters said that the statistics from the last month looked good with more calls than last year. Officer Winey is halfway through his academy training. Street Commissioner Mike Vogt reported that they have been clearing trees, and working on cold patching. They've also been helping with smaller projects around the town with other departments. Eric Martens, Public Works Director, said that they have another Trees for Kids grant that will help replace some of the trees that have had to be cleared. No action was taken.

Motion by Garcia / Curnyn to appoint Mike Vogt to Northside Rec Board to replace Lisa Koch. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Curnyn / Miller to approve the employment agreement with Brandon Rinnan. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

The development agreement with Jim Johnson was discussed. No action was taken.

The request from Denison Municipal Utilities for \$200,000 in ARPA funds to be used for water project was discussed. No action was taken.

Motion by Curnyn / Miller to approve DMU request to install an electric vehicle charging station in the 14<sup>th</sup> Street parking lot. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Granzen / Curnyn to approve liquor license sales agreement with Bogey's Grille. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Granzen / Curnyn to approve amendment to parklet lease agreement with Wesco Industries for Hollywood Bake Shop. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Granzen / Miller to approve job announcement/description, position profile and wage study for new city manager. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Motion by Granzen / Garcia to adopt third reading of Ordinance #1547 amending Chapter 17, Council pay. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

City Clerk Lisa Koch presented the changes to the FY 22-23 Budget. Motion by Miller / Garcia to approve Resolution #2022-14 setting public hearing for FY 22-23 budget for March 15, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at Denison City Hall. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

Mayor Soseman reported that the Council will have a planning session after the next meeting. Tentative items to be discussed include use of ARP funds, the wellness center, and time clocks. She has been working on the HFI house. She will be reading to students during the family literacy night at 20<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary school. She discussed the possibility of getting more grants for replacing trees in town. Kempfert stated that he received some information at the conference he attended that will be helpful.

Crawford reported he is finishing the RISE grant for the Hwy 39 turning lane. Denison has been reinstated into the National Flood insurance program. A pre-construction meeting for the airport project will be Wednesday at 10 am. He discussed quotes from Public Works to purchase a mower. He is working with Code Enforcement Official Colby Ellis on making the snow removal ordinance more specific.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

An executive session took place following the meeting to discuss union negotiations.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christy Welch, Deputy Clerk