

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, April 5, 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. LOGAN called in via telephone at 5:23 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	Motion by Granzen / Curnyn to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.
MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA	Motion by Curnyn / Granzen to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 3/15/2022 council meeting; 3/15/2022 planning session; 3/18/2022 special meeting, and 3/22/2022 special meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; and c) approve CDBG Reimbursement #9 for the housing rehab grant through Region XII. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.
CITIZEN INPUT	Citizen Input: none.
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS	Department Head Reports: Monica Walley, Library Director, reported that the Friends of the Library had their annual White Elephant Sale. Public Works removed the trees and shrubs from the embankment, and that area has been landscaped. Meeting room usage is steady. Programming is going well. On April 28, the library will host the Paper Clip Project which teaches about the Holocaust. This is Library Week, and they have a couple contests going. They are now planning the Summer Library Reading Program. Brandon Rinnan, Police Chief, said that he has had a great first month learning about the community and attending several meetings. Several officers are attending additional training. Officer Winey will graduate from the academy this month. Cory Snowgren, Fire Chief, reported that the work on the front ramp that was damaged during the water line break last winter has been completed. The county is still under a burn ban. The department has helped some people with controlled burns, and some CRP controlled burns are coming up this spring that need to be completed. He would like to schedule the city's spring open burning when the burn ban is over. Brian Kempfert, Parks & Rec Director, said that the Aquatic Center hired 2 new lifeguards from the last lifeguard class, and the next class will have a potential of 5 who could be hired. A water safety instruction class will be scheduled soon. More than 400 students are participating in the Soccer Club's program, which necessitated opening the concession stands. Workers were trained and staffed those last weekend. Public

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works heled clear snow to get the lines paind for soccer. He is looking into starting a 3- to 4-year-old t-ball program for children. With the boiler not running, attendance has been down. The boiler can't be repaired, so the city is requesting quotes to fix it. Eric Martens, Public Works Director, said they removed volunteer trees and scrubs at the airport and seeded the lawn on the Avenue C house. They are grinding stumps from the trees removed this winter, and completing some cold patching. They are also working on fixing the holders for the street signs around town. He was notified that if we are in a water ban, public works will be able to use water from Tucker's Pond to water the new trees to prevent losses. They have a plan to start sealing the cracks uptown.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
LIBRARY & CHILDCARE BOARD  
APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Miller / Garcia to appoint Jeri Hough to the Library Board to replace Terri Skoog; and re-appoint Christy Welch & Eric Martens to Childcare board. Ayes: 4. Motion carried.

MOTION TO AGREE TO  
BUSINESS TERMS WITH JIM  
JOHNSON TO ALLOW FORMAL  
PROCESS TO MOVE FORWARD

Motion by Granzen / Curnyn to agree to the business terms set forth in the development agreement with Jim Johnson with Healthy Efficient Homes, and allow the formal process for the urban renewal plan to move forward. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION TABLED RE:  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH STEVE GILBERT. NO  
ACTION TAKEN.

Discussion of a development agreement with Steve Gilbert of Hometown Housing was tabled until we receive more information. Miller said that he believed the city had completed a final plat of this area in 2019. The Planning and Zoning Commission needs to discuss at this project as well. No action was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE PERMIT  
FOR RED, WHITE & BOOM  
AND WAIVE ALL FEES

Motion by Miller / Granzen to waive all fees and approve Temporary Special Event Permit for Red, White & Boom. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
SPENDING FROM OMAHA  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
FOR PARKS AND REC

Motion by Granzen / Miller to approve spending \$1,000.00 from Omaha Community Foundation for community development projects in the Parks & Rec department. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 2022-17  
SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING  
RE: THE STATUS OF FUNDED  
ACTIVIES FOR THE CDBG  
HOUSING REHAB GRANT

Motion by Miller / Granzen to approve Resolution 2022-17 setting a public hearing for April 19, 2022, on the Status of Funded Activities for the CDBG Housing rehab grant through Region XII. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
RESOLUTION 2022-18  
APPROVING DESIGNATION OF  
SLFRF Funds

Motion by Miller / Curnyn to approve Resolution 2022-18 approving designation of SLFRF Funds (State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act) to be used for general government expenses. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
MOWING CONTRACT WITH  
PHIL'S

Motion by Granzen / Miller to approve general mowing contract with Phil's Lawn. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

DISCUSSED DONATED LEAVE  
POLICY AND LEAVE FORMS

The Donated Leave Policy and Donated Leave forms was discussed. Garcia wanted to know if the city could create a "bank" for unused time with this policy that could be used by employees. Crawford will check with our HR consultant. No action was taken.

MOTION TO APPROVE  
PROPOSAL FROM CALHOUN-  
BURNS & ASSOC. FOR 2022  
BRIDGE INSPECTION

Motion by Garcia / Miller to approve Proposal from Calhoun-Burns and Associates, Inc. for the 2022 Bridge Inspection. Ayes: 5. Motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Soseman reported that she attended a Brownfield zoom meeting and received a lot of information that she will pass on to council. The Uptown Improvement Committee is finalizing the logo and colors for Denison, but they want to keep it a secret so they can have a grand unveiling. Pictures have been taken of the HFI house in preparation for selling it. Congressman Randy Feenstra will visit the house on Thursday, April 14 at 9 a.m. We will be having a spring clean-up weekend, but the dates have not been set.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Crawford reported that the Aquatic Center boiler can't be repaired. A request for quotes was emailed to registered contractors and will be on the website tomorrow. They are due on Friday, April 15. Boulders Conference Center has a dry sprinkler system that needs to be replaced, so he will be asking for quotes for a replacement system. A fire panel at the Early Childhood Center needs to be replaced and upgraded. A loner panel is in now to keep the building safe to be used, but the existing panel is obsolete.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Following the meeting, the Council went into executive session to discuss union negotiations.

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Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christy Welch, Deputy Clerk