

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION
Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Immediately following regular council meeting held at 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

Mayor Soseman called the planning session to order at 6:34 p.m. with the following members present: CURNYN, GARCIA, GRANZEN, LOGAN and MILLER.

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| DISCUSSION OF CREATING
WORKFORCE HOUSING | Steve Gilbert and Shane Akers of Hometown Housing, USA attended virtually and spoke to the council regarding the creation of workforce housing and the steps they would take if hired to provide an analysis for the City. They have estimated that Denison is 200-400 homes short of demand at this point. |
| WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE | Tim Stuart and Jennifer Smith provided an update for the Wellness Center. They and Soseman attended the Crawford County Board of Supervisors meeting in the morning. The Supervisors said that they would be willing to donate \$750,000 of their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the project if the city would match that amount. The committee has identified other grants that they could apply for if they do have some seed money, as most require a local match. The committee is working on a feasibility study, and will meet tomorrow to discuss this. They are still in discussions with the YMCA to possible provide management for the center. |
| DISCUSS USE OF ARPA FUNDS | The use of ARPA funds was also discussed, with the following projects on the City’s list: aquatic boiler, sewer hookups on 16 th street, wellness center, kid’s castle replacement, and housing initiatives. Garcia noted that with Kid’s Castle, there are several grant opportunities that could be used that should be considered. The council agreed that many opportunities exist for using the ARPA funds, but they need to look at what will move the community forward. |
| NEXT PLANNING SESSION,
MAY 17, 2022 | The next planning session will be following the May 17, 2022, City Council meeting. |

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christy Welch, Deputy Clerk