

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The 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, and Miller.

Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Granzen, seconded by Logan, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5:00 p.m. Public Hearing was held on Proposed Development Agreement with Healthy Efficient Homes, LLC. There were no written or oral objections. Soseman declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Granzen, seconded by Miller, to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 5/17/2022 regular meeting, 5/17/2022 Planning Session, and 5/25/2022 Special Council Minutes; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve liquor license(s) for: WCP, LLC dba Polley's Uptown (amendment for Sunday Sales) ; d) approve tobacco licenses for: Casey's General Store; Denison Country Store #11; Dollar General #3887; Fareway Stores, Inc #015; Hy-Vee Food Store; Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits; Wal-Mart #1732; e) approve solid waste hauler licenses for: Absolute Investment Group, LLC; Carroll Refuse Service (SGS, LLC); Denison Disposal; R & S Waste Disposal; f) approve the wage increase for Tristan Winey as a certified Police Officer effective 4/21/2022 at a bi-weekly wage of \$2,192.24; and g) approve payment #2 to Bedrock Gravel, Inc in the amount of \$561,175.62 for the Denison Airport Crosswind Runway Grading Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Zupp-Smith stated the mini golf course is in disrepair and the City needs to take more pride in their properties. Hanson will work with Parks & Rec to rectify the issues.

Soseman welcomed Ashley with La Prensa.

Snowgren, Fire Chief, stated that the department provided a school safety program, provided training to DMU and County jailers, participated in the dunk tank for the uptown event, working on grant applications for smoke detectors, and completing annual testing on equipment.

Kempfert, Parks & Rec Director, stated that two tree grant plantings were completed, and the program coordinator has started. There is no update on the boiler and he believes the timeline is still current.

Martens, Public Works Director, thanked the community, Ag students, and 4-H members for their help with the tree grant plantings. They have been working on the deck at Boulders, patching streets, trimming trees, and mowing.

Walley, Library Director, reviewed events at the Library including the summer reading program. She stated that the Friends of the Library applied for the Monogram grant, and their automatic door was repaired.

Rinnan, Police Chief, stated that Sergeant Cardenas participated in the dunk tank at the uptown event. A sergeant resigned so he has started the hiring process. This will include reorganizing the department. The department is working on school and business safety projects.

Motion by Logan, seconded by Miller to authorize Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk, as a signer on the City's bank accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Logan, seconded by Granzen to approve the Special Event Permit for Market in the Park for each Saturday from 06/18/2022 to 10/8/2022, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; last Saturday of each month from 06/25/2022 to 10/29/2022, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and to waive the permit fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Curnyn to approve the Special Event Permit for St. Rose Fundraiser on 06/12/2022 and waive the permit fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Fire Station kitchen remodel. Snowgren received two bids and recommends Option 2. Both options are the same except for the cabinet contractor. Option 1 including Crossgrain Woodworking at \$44,667.23, and Option 2 including The Cabinet Factory at \$26,040.55. Motion by Miller, seconded by Garcia, to approve Option 2 in the amount of \$26,040.55. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on staffing issues at the Police Department. Chief Rinnan stated that due to a Sergeant resigning, an officer had to cancel his vacation. Rinnan would like to pay out the officer his vacation hours to the handbook limit of 40 hours. Motion by Garcia, seconded by Granzen to pay out the vacation down to the 40-hour carryover prior to July 1, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on Washington Park, matching grant funds, and options for project boundaries. Hanson presented Council four options. Option 1: do nothing, no cost; Option 2: ADA compliant playground, \$600,000, Option 3: all inclusive, \$800,000, or Option 4: link with Yellow Smoke Park, \$1.265 million. Matching grant funds (60%) are available, but the application is due by June 30. Kempfert stated that a donor has come forward and pledged approximately \$40,000 towards the project. Council is impressed with the work done on the project but thinks the June 30 deadline is too early to commit to this project.

Hanson stated he is having issues finding suitable housing within city limits. His contract states he must live within 15 miles of Denison. He has put an offer on a property in Schleswig.

Resolution #2022-25 was introduced Setting the Time and Place to Conduct a Public Hearing to Vacate Public Property within the City of Denison, Iowa for June 21, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Garcia, to approve Resolution #2022-25. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2022-26 was introduced Creating an Ad-Hoc Parks and Recreation Commission Committee to Work with Residents to Create a City Wellness Center. Motion by Logan, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2022-26. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Logan, to allow the committee to apply for grants with Hanson signing off after his review. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Granzen, to approve the Grant Application for Monogram Loves Kids in the Amount of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2022-27 was introduced Approving Development Agreement with Healthy Efficient Homes, LLC, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. Motion by Logan, seconded by Granzen, to approve Resolution #2022-27. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1548 was adopted Amending Chapter 68-Parking Regulations, Adding No Parking on 6th Avenue North from 16th to 24th Street. Motion by Miller, seconded by Granzen, to waive the 2nd and 3rd Readings. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Miller, seconded by Garcia to adopt Ordinance #1548. Motion carried unanimously.

Granzen left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Soseman stated she has been attending multiple meetings and events including UIC (Uptown Improvement Committee) and WIBIO (Woman in Business Impact Organization) functions, and City meetings.

Hanson stated that employees have been attending training. Projects are moving forward which will create opportunities for the City to save money.

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Logan, to enter into closed session at 6:19 p.m. per IA code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Motion carried unanimously.

Garcia left the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Motion by Logan, seconded by Curnyn, to return to open session at 6:40 p.m. with no action taken.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor
ATTEST: Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk