

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION
Tuesday, August 16, 2022
(Immediately following Regular Council Meeting held at 5 p.m.)
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

Mayor Pro-Tem Curnyn called the planning session to order with the following members present: Curnyn, Garcia, Granzen, Logan, and Miller.

- GRANT WRITER POSITION** Hanson would like to create a grant writer position. The position would work on grants including Tourism, EPA Brownfields, IDOT grant audits, etc. The salary range would be from \$36,000.00 to \$72,000.00 and benefits would be approximately \$25,000.00. Hanson stated the funds would come from Road Use Taxes and a portion of Tourism. Garcia would like to see this position share with the school and county. Logan stated the City Manager was hired with grant writing experience and does not believe the City needs to hire another position and continue to spend money instead of using capable employees. Miller inquired if administration fees can be included in the grant and then the employee be paid out of the grant fees. Garcia and Jennifer Smith were working on the IDEA Tourism Grant recently found out that the City has Region XII working on the grant. Garcia and Smith would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the details of the grant.
- PART-TIME PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE** Public Works would like to hire a part-time employee to replace a seasonal employee. The employee would work more in the summer with limited hours in the winter, typically helping with snow removal. Flaherty will speak with Jack Reed and see what the proper hiring procedure is.
- HEALTH INSURANCE** Hanson and Flaherty have been approached by multiple insurance companies asking to consider looking at bidding health insurance. The City has been with the same carrier for approximately 10 years. Council would like Hanson to create a request for qualifications for Health Insurance.
- MOWING ORDINANCE** Ellis inquired if the Code Department could purchase door hangars. Council agreed.
- SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE** Ellis stated Martens created a policy covering the process Public Works has for snow removal and Martens would like to add the policy to the City’s ordinance. The ordinance will be updated and presented at a future planning session.
- ANIMAL ORDINANCE** Ellis would like Council to review the draft animal ordinance and bring back changes to the next planning session. Curnyn, Granzen, and Logan do not want urban chickens. Ellis would like to combine the animal ordinances.
- WELLNESS CENTER UPDATE** Hanson stated that HGM and the Wellness Center Committee have reviewed the design and have eliminated any “extras.” HGM should have plans complete before the end of the month and there is YMCA meeting scheduled. HGM would like to know if the mini

golf course can be eliminated. Council would like to keep the mini golf course.

ARPA FUNDS

None

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Corey Curnyn, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk