

SECOND REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

The second 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.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
- AGENDA APPROVED WITH REMOVAL OF 3 ITEMS** Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to approve the agenda with the removal of items 12) discussion on Selling Alley (west ½ of South 17th Street, approximately 50’ south of the curb on the north side of 5th Avenue South and east ½ of South 17th Street, approximately 50’ south of the curb on the north side of 5th Avenue South), 19) possible motion to enter closed session per IA Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual’s reputation and that individual requests a closed session, and 20) action after Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.
- CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH CHANGES** Motion by Garcia, seconded by Miller, to approve the items on the consent agenda with the change of the dates on item i and item j: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 08/01/2023 Regular Council meeting, b) approve the bills as presented, c) approve cash & activity report, July 2023, d) approve budget report, July 2023, e) approve bank reconciliation, July 2023, f) approve liquor licenses for: Tri-City BBQ Fest, g) approve reappointment of Phil Nichols to Planning & Zoning Commission, term expiring 09/2027, h) approve appointment of Bill Bruce replace Barry Bergamo on the Library Board, term expiring 07/2028, i) approve the wage increase for Cory Snowgren, Fire Chief, at a biweekly wage of \$3,597.77, effective 09/10/2023, and j) approve the hiring of Eric Meyers as a Part-Time Police Officer, at an hourly wage of \$31.27, effective 08/15/2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- NEW CHAMBER DIRECTOR** Soseman introduced the new Chamber Director, Paul Plumb.
- BBQ FEST VOLUNTEERS** Garcia challenged Department Directors and City employees to volunteer at the BBQ fest.
- KEMPFERT RECOGNITION** Soseman presented Kempfert with a Service Recognition plaque.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE E-1** Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Granzen, to sell the Fire Department Engine E-1 to the Manilla the Manilla Fire Department in the amount of \$20,000.00 and allow the Mayor to sign the Fire Truck Purchase Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

DURAPATCHER RENTAL	Discussion was held on renting a durapatcher. Council would like Martens to obtain prices on purchasing a durapatcher, a tar kettle, and an air gun. Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to allow the Public Works Department to rent a durapatcher for one month in the amount of \$7,200.00. Motion carried unanimously.
CRAWFORD COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE – BOULDERS	Motion by Logan, seconded by Curnyn, to allow Crawford County Auditor's office to use the City's meeting uses at the Boulders Event Center on November 6 th and 7 th , 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
SPRAYING CITY FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES	Discussion on Spraying City Facilities and Properties. Council would like to have four employees be licensed within the City. Garcia recommends Weller, Barroso, and two Public Works employees be licensed.
RESOLUTION #2023-52 TRANSFER OF FUNDS	Resolution #2023-52 was introduced approving the Transfer of Funds-General Fund to Capital Improvement. Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to approve Resolution #2023-52. Motion carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION #2023-53 EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT	Resolution #2023-53 was introduced approving Employment Contract and Agreement. Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Logan, to approve Resolution #2023-53. Roll Call: Ayes: Curnyn, Logan, Granzen, Miller; Nays: None; Abstain: Garcia. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote.
RESOLUTION #2023-54 INTENT FOR CITY TO COMMIT \$250,000 TO THE WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT	Resolution #2023-54 was introduced for approving the of Intent for the City of Denison to Commit \$250,000.00 to the Wellness Center Project. Motion by Garcia, seconded by Logan, to approve Resolution #2023-54 with the intent to commit and to continue discussion on funding. Motion carried unanimously.
ORDINANCE #1569 ADDING NEW CODE CHAPTER 113 – ESTABLISHING FRANCHISE FEE	Ordinance #1569 was introduced Amending the Code of the City of Denison, Iowa, adding a new Code Chapter 113, to establish a franchise fee for video cable providers, including BTC, Inc. d/b/a Western Iowa Networks for video services sold in Denison, Iowa. Motion by Garcia, seconded by Curnyn, to adopt Ordinance #1569. Motion carried unanimously.
MAYOR REPORT	Soseman inquired if Council would like to attend the Region XII 50 th Anniversary. Broadway Elementary would like to use Washington Park during the school remodel and have asked that the bathrooms remain open through October. Soseman would like to see a Master Plan created for Washinton Park. Kempfert has contacted Beck Engineering for a cost. Soseman reminded Departments to work on their policies for Jack Reed. Flaherty stated that the handbook is almost complete, and the City would like Department policies approved in conjunction with the handbook approval. Soseman read Garcia's resignation and stated it was effective immediately.

CITY CLERK/INTERIM
CITY MANAGER REPORT

Flaherty would like to replace the furniture in the City Manager's office. Council would like Flaherty to obtain quotes. Garcia stated that she would like the City Clerk's office to receive updated furniture also. Council would like Flaherty to set up the City Manager email and cell phone for Garcia effective immediately, if Jack Reed with Iowa Negotiation and Consulting approves.

LIAISONS

Council would like to discuss liaisons at the next Council meeting. Council volunteered to split liaison duties as follows: Police-Logan; Library-Granzen; and Fire-Miller.

STATE AUDITOR VISIT

Flaherty stated the State Auditor Office will start the annual audit on September 12th.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk