

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, August 1, 2023 – 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.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
- AGENDA APPROVED Motion by Garcia, seconded by Logan, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
- CONSENT AGENDA ITEM i Soseman stated item i on the consent agenda should read appointment.
CORRECTION
- CONSENT AGENDA Motion by Logan, seconded by Granzen, to approve the items on the
APPROVED consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for
07/18/2023 Second Regular Meeting and 07/24/2023 Special Council
meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve cash & activity
report; d) approve budget report; e) approve bank reconciliation; f)
approve liquor licenses for: Lucky Lanes XII; g) amend the Special
Event Permits and waive the fees: Hot Summer Nights ; h) approve
the Special Event Permits and waive the fees: Hot Summer Nights; i)
approve appointment of Magali Ornelas to the Tourism Board, term
expiring 04/2024; j) approve the promotion of Yovan Cardenas as
Captain, at a biweekly wage of 3,015.89, effective 08/02/2023 k)
approve the hiring of Leonardo Nava as a Part-Time Police Officer, at
an hourly wage of \$31.27, effective 08/01/2023; and l) approve period
cost estimate #9 to Bedrock Gravel, Inc, for the Phase 3, Stage 2 in the
amount of \$158,282.26. Motion carried unanimously.
- PHASE I WATER SYSTEM Rory Weis, DMU General Manager, gave an update on the Phase I
PROJECT Water System Project.
- CAPTAIN CARDENAS Chief Trejo presented Captain Cardenas with his ranking insignia.
- CO-INTERIM POLICE CHIEF Chief Trejo and Captain Cardenas presented Mitchell Flaherty a
PLAQUE plaque and thanked him for his help as co-interim Police Chief.
- DEPARTMENT HEAD Snowgren, Fire Chief, stated the pumps and ladders are being tested.
REPORTS Members of the department will be picking up the new engine next
week.
- Martens, Public Works Director, reported that the Broadway and 16th
Street intersection has been completed. They will continue to work on
streets, painting lines, and patching holes.
- Kempfert, Parks & Recreation Director, stated they completed
maintenance at the Dog Park.
- Walley, Library Director, stated that the Summer Reading Program is
finished. Staff will be completing AED, CPR, and First Aid training

DEPARTMENT HEAD
REPORTS CONT'D

in October. The Library had grout cleaned, the wifi extenders installed, and HVAC repairs. The meeting rooms were used 79 times in July. She stated that the landscaping has been completed, the fence needs repairs, and there are server issues.

Miller left at 5:17 p.m.

Walley reviewed past and future events.

Miller returned at 5:19 p.m.

Trejo, Police Chief, stated the department received funds from the Department of Justice vest program. He is working on training programs. The department had an appreciation BBQ.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINE
E-1

Discussion was held on the Fire Department Engine E-1. The Fire Departments run on an auto aid program within the fire district. Manilla would like to buy Engine E-1 for \$20,000.00. This will allow the truck to stay within the Fire District. Snowgren stated the truck will be sold "as is" and the proceeds will go into the Truck Fund. Council would like Flaherty to contact the City Attorney to draft an agreement.

TREE TRIMMING BILL
FORGIVEN

Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to forgive the tree trimming bill (Invoice No 2023-06-002) for 2202 Frontier Road. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL FUNDS
PLEGGED BY COUNCIL FOR
WELLNESS CENTER

Tim Stuart spoke on behalf of the Wellness Center Ad-hoc Committee. They would like Council to pledge an additional \$250,000.00 towards the Wellness Center. Stuart stated the committee is applying for the CAT grant in the amount of \$1 million. The committee must be 70 percent funded. Motion by Logan, seconded by Curnyn, to pledge \$250,000.00 to the Wellness Center. Motion carried unanimously.

PROPERTY AND LIABILITY
UMBRELLA INSURANCE

Discussion was held on increasing the property and liability umbrella insurance. Kurt Miller, The Hoffman Agency, was present to answer questions. He recommends increasing the policy and additional \$2 million. Motion by Garcia, seconded by Curnyn, to increase the umbrella policy an additional \$2 million. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2023-51
STREET IMPROVEMENTS –
1ST AVE SOUTH

Resolution #2023-51 was introduced approving Contract for 2023 Street Improvements- 1st Avenue South from South 12th Street to South Main Street. Motion by Miller, seconded by Granzen, to approve Resolution #2023-51. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW CODE CHAPTER 113-
FRANCHISE FEE FOR VIDEO
CABLE PROVIDERS

An Ordinance 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 Curnyn, seconded by Miller, to adopt the 2nd reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR REPORT

Soseman attended a Community Visioning meeting. They narrowed down the selection for the trail and expanded the Northside Recreation boards. They will present formally in November and then give the plan to Council along with grant opportunities. Soseman attended a Senior Citizen meeting, Carroll Chamber meeting regarding diversity, and participated in a radiothon for the Wellness Center.

There were no City Manager Comments.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Garica, seconded by Curnyn, to enter closed session at 5:42 p.m. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to enter open session at 6:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

INTERIM PARKS AND REC
DIRECTOR – SAM ELLIS

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Miller, to transition Sam Ellis to Interim Parks and Recreation Director on 08/23/2023, at an additional \$800.00 per pay period, and as an exempt position. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to enter closed session at 6:22 p.m. 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. Motion carried unanimously.

Granzen left at 6:41 p.m.

Granzen returned at 6:42 p.m.

Logan left at 7:18 p.m.

Logan returned at 7:24 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to enter open session at 7:41 p.m. with no action taken.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk