

**CITY OF DENISON
CITY CLERK/FINANCE OFFICER**

**JOB DESCRIPTION
December 2021**

FLSA Status: Exempt

Summary: Assists municipal government with clerical and administrative support by performing the following duties.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities include the following:

Responsible for financial administration.

Prepare the budget annually and submit to the Council together with a message describing the important features. Submit the budget to the County Auditor and the Dept. of Management.

Prepare any required budget amendments and submit to the County Auditor and the Dept. of Management.

Accounting and Reporting: Prepare or supervise the development and administration of such accounting and reporting systems as may be necessary or desirable to accurately reflect the financial condition of the City.

After fiscal year end, prepare the annual Street Finance Report (SFR) for council approval and submit to the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) by September 30th each year.

After fiscal year end, prepare and submit the Outstanding Obligation Report to the Treasurer, State of Iowa, by October 15th each year.

After fiscal year end, prepare the Annual Finance Report (AFR) for council approval and submit to the Secretary of State by December 1st each year.

After fiscal year end, prepare the Annual Urban Renewal Report (AURR) for council approval and submit to the Dept. of Management by December 1st of each year.

Certify TIF annually by December 1st each year.

Keep all fiscal records and accounts.

Keep an accurate record of all investments made, bonds and bond indebtedness, tax levies, and other pertinent financial information that affects the City.

Supervise the development and administration of a modern and efficient purchasing system covering the acquisition by the City of services, supplies and materials.

Directly supervises employees in the City Hall. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws. Responsibilities include interviewing, hiring, and training employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; appraising

performance; rewarding and disciplining employees; addressing complaints and resolving problems.

Evaluate the performance of the Deputy Clerk, Administrative Assistant, and part-time Office Assistant.

At the direction of the council, attend meetings of committees, boards, and commissions. The Clerk shall record and preserve a correct record of the proceedings of such meetings.

Custodian of City Seal and shall affix it on all documents requiring official signature and seal.

Prepares agendas and bylaws for City Council.

Attend all regular and special City Council meetings.

Records minutes and official actions of City Council.

Orders official publications from the local newspaper and processes the affidavits of publication for filing and payment.

Records and certifies all ordinances and resolutions passed by the City Council and properly indexes the same.

Maintain copies of all effective city ordinances and codes for public use.

Furnish a copy of any requested record, paper, or public document, in accordance with the open records' law and collect all fees, if applicable.

Keep and file all communications and petitions directed to the Council or the City generally. Endorse thereon the action of the Council taken up matters considered in such communications and petitions.

Keep custody and be responsible for the safekeeping of all writings or documents in which the City is a party in interest, unless otherwise specifically directed by law or ordinance.

Authenticate all measures, except motions, with Clerk's signature, certifying the time and manner of publication, when required.

Certify all measures establishing any zoning district, building lines, or fire limits and a plat showing the district, lines, or limits to the recorder of the County containing the affected parts of the City.

Maintains the insurance files for the City.

Answers official correspondence.

Prepares reports on civic needs.

Maintain all City records and documents, or accurate reproductions.

Issue or revoke licenses and permits when authorized by the code of ordinances.

Keep a record of licenses and permits issued.

Inform all persons appointed by the Mayor or Council to offices in the City government of their positions and the time at which they assume the duties of their offices.

Certify to the County Commission of Elections the type of nomination process to be used by the City no later than ninety (90) days before the date of the regular City election.

Other duties as assigned.

Competency: To perform the job successfully, an individual should demonstrate the following competencies:

Design: Generates creative solutions; Demonstrates attention to detail.

Problem Solving: Identifies and resolves problems in a timely manner; Gathers and analyzes information skillfully; Develops alternative solutions; Works well in group problem solving situations; Uses reason even when dealing with emotional topics.

Technical Skills: Pursues training and development opportunities; Strives to continuously build knowledge and skills; Shares expertise with others.

Customer Service: Manages difficult or emotional customer situations; Responds promptly to customer needs; Solicits customer feedback to improve service; Responds to requests for service and assistance; Meets commitments.

Interpersonal Skills: Focuses on solving conflict, not blaming; Maintains confidentiality; Listens to others without interrupting; Keeps emotions under control; Remains open to others' ideas and tries new things.

Oral Communication: Speaks clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations; Listens and gets clarification; Responds well to questions; Demonstrates group presentation skills; Participates in meetings.

Written Communication: Writes clearly and informatively; Edits work for spelling and grammar; Presents numerical data effectively; Able to read and interpret written information.
Teamwork - Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives.

Change Management: Develops workable implementation plans; Communicates changes effectively; Builds commitment and overcomes resistance; Monitors transition and evaluates results.

Delegation: Delegates work assignments; Matches the responsibility to the person; Sets expectations and monitors delegated activities; Provides recognition for results.
Managing People - Includes staff in planning, decision-making, facilitating and process improvement; Takes responsibility for subordinates' activities; Makes self available to staff; Provides regular performance feedback; Develops subordinates' skills and encourages growth; Continually works to improve supervisory skills.

Cost Consciousness: Works within approved budget; Develops and implements cost saving measures; Contributes to profits and revenue; Conserves organizational resources.

Diversity: Demonstrates knowledge of EEO policy; Promotes a harassment-free environment.
Ethics - Treats people with respect; Keeps commitments.

Organizational Support: Follows policies and procedures; Completes administrative tasks correctly and on time; Supports organization's goals and values; Benefits organization through outside activities.

Judgment: Displays willingness to make decisions; Exhibits sound and accurate judgment; Supports and explains reasoning for decisions; Includes appropriate people in decision-making process; Makes timely decisions.

Planning/Organizing: Prioritizes and plans work activities; Uses time efficiently; Plans for additional resources; Sets goals and objectives.

Professionalism: Approaches others in a tactful manner; Reacts well under pressure; Treats others with respect and consideration regardless of their status or position.

Safety and Security: Observes safety and security procedures; Reports potentially unsafe conditions; Uses equipment and materials properly.

Attendance/Punctuality: Is consistently at work and on time; Ensures work responsibilities are covered when absent; Arrives at meetings and appointments on time.

Qualifications: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Education and/or Experience: BA degree in business or public administration. Associate's degree (A. A.) or equivalent from two-year college or technical school in a related financial field with seven years' experience. Experience as a City Clerk or a Deputy Clerk in a city of comparable size may be substituted for academic qualifications.

Language Skills: Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations. Ability to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals. Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, clients, customers, and the general public.

Mathematical Skills: Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, interest, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumference, and volume. Ability to apply concepts of basic algebra and geometry.

Reasoning Ability: Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

Computer Skills: To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of Accounting software; Database software; Human Resource systems; Internet software; Payroll systems; Spreadsheet software and Word Processing software.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations: The Clerk shall attend Clerk School and obtain both the Clerk Certification and Finance Officer Certification. Once the certification has been achieved, the clerk shall maintain the certifications through continuing education requirements.

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this Job, the employee is regularly required to sit and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to stand and walk. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision and ability to adjust focus.

Work Environment: The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet.

Other Qualifications: Certification as a City Clerk and Finance Officer or five years' experience as a City Clerk or other municipal financial position is preferred.