

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 7, 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, Granzen, Logan, Miller, and Garcia by telephone.

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| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance. |
| PUBLIC HEARING -
GENERAL OBLIGATION
LAND ACQUISITION LOAN
AGREEMENT | 5:00 p.m. Public hearing was held on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Land Acquisition Loan Agreement. There were no written or oral objections. Soseman declared the hearing closed. |
| AGENDA APPROVED | Motion by Miller, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously. |
| CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED AND RECINDED | Motion by Miller to approve the items on the consent agenda and waive the fees for all Special Event Permits listed. Discussion was held on the Market in the Park Special Event Permit. Grant Fineran stated that the event will be held on Center Street including the grass area north owned by Crawford County Bank. The event will be held on Thursdays and will include food trucks and local vendors, and he will not charge vendor fees. He stated local vendors will include vendors with a 300-mile radius. Council is concerned this will create parking issues and would like Fineran to come to the next Council meeting with additional details. Miller rescinded his previous motion. |
| CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF MARKET IN
THE PARK -MORE
INFORMATION IS NEEDED | Motion by Miller, seconded by Granzen, to approve the following items on the consent agenda and waive the fees for the special event permits listed: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 01/17/2023 Second Regular Council Minutes, 01/17/2023 Planning Session Minutes, 01/23/2023 Special Council Minutes, 01/30/2023 Special Council Minutes; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve cash & activity report; d) approve liquor licenses for: Brew 14; e) approve tobacco licenses for: Brew 14; f) approve tax abatement for: 108 South Main Street, received on 01/18/2023; g) approve the Special Event Permits: Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Hot Summer Nights; and h) approve to be the Fiscal Sponsor for LULAC Request. Motion carried unanimously. |
| CITIZEN INPUT - CHICKENS | Denise Jarvis stated she is having issues with chickens in her yard. She spoke to Code Enforcement and the City Manager. They stated there is nothing the City can do to help her. Hanson stated they are having issues with filing municipal infractions through the County because a "proof of service" is needed. Hanson will set up a meeting |

CITIZEN INPUT (CONT'D)

with Code Enforcement and Granzen to look at options including nuisance abatement.

DEPARTMENT HEAD
REPORTS

Walley, Library Director, stated they are advertising for a custodian and hired a new assistant director.

Kempfert, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they had the grand opening for the ice rink and will schedule additional events. They received a \$1,000 grant from Western Iowa Networks and Aureon for Washington Park. He is currently at \$101,000 including ARPA funds. He will continue to apply for grants. The Sauna is running but is having some warranty issues.

Martens, Public Works Director, stated they are waiting for the weather to warm up to so they can start patching streets. Martens and Vogt will be attending training given by the Iowa Concrete Paving Association. He hopes to find new ideas to repair South Main Street. Martens will obtain pricing to rent the Durapatcher. Martens stated they will be replacing two culverts and multiple panels in City View and on Chamberlin.

Flaherty, City Clerk, stated that FrontDesk and Citizen Request 311 is live.

CRAWFORD COUNTY
AUDITOR USING CITY'S
MEETING USES AT
BOULDERS

Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to allow the Crawford County Auditor's office to use the City's meeting uses at Boulders Event Center for March 6th and March 7th. Motion carried unanimously.

REDUCING SCOPE OF THE
WELLNESS CENTER
PROJECT – HGM TO
REDESIGN

Discussion was held on reducing the scope of the Wellness Center project. The Adhoc Committee recommends working with HGM to reduce the overall cost from \$26 million to \$18.5 million. Because HGM has been paid in full to date, the committee is asking for an additional \$5,000.00 and an extra \$400.00 for the fundraising booklets. Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Miller, to hire HGM to redesign the plans not to exceed \$5,000.00 and an additional \$400.00 for brochures. Motion carried unanimously.

ARPA FUNDS PUT INTO
RECREATION CENTER
TRUST ACCOUNT

Discussion took place regarding the Wellness Center's use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. Council previously stated that the City's ARPA contribution should go towards physical construction. The Recreation Center Trust account has a negative balance. Flaherty would like to use a portion of the \$750,000.00 earmarked from ARPA funds to transfer money into eliminate the negative balance and have Council approve additional funds in case the City proceeds with an architect this fiscal year. Council is fine with proceeding with a \$50,000.00 transfer from the ARPA funds.

DISCUSSION TABLED FOR
START OF CONSTRUCTION
ON WELLNESS CENTER

Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to table the discussion and motion to authorize the Wellness Center architect to begin work within the FY 22/23 budget and authorize construction to begin in FY 23/24. Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER #1 TO
VETTER EQUIPMENT FOR
\$2615.00 FOR SKIDSTEER

Motion by Miller, seconded by Garcia, to approve change order #1 to Vetter Equipment in the amount of \$2,615.00 for the Bobcat Skidsteer. Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED DISCUSSION ON
JULY 3, 2023 FIREWORKS
SHOW

Hanson stated the City received two quotes for fireworks. The low bid does not meet the City's insurance requirements. Hanson recommends tabling the item and he will work on the insurance requirements. Motion by Miller, seconded by Granzen, to table the approval of the proposal for the July 3, 2023, Firework show. Motion carried unanimously.

RFQ FUEL STATION
ENGINEERING

Motion by Granzen, seconded by Miller, to approve the RFQ Fuel Station Engineering Only work. Motion carried unanimously.

Garcia left the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

BUDGET UPDATE

Flaherty updated the Council on the budget. She stated that the State is working on fixing residential property tax issues. If the state passes the bill correcting the valuations, this will lower the residential property revenues. The Department of Management recommends proceeding with the Max Levy public hearing and waiting until the state provides additional details before proceeding with the rest of the budget process.

DONNA REED RAILROAD
BRIDGE CROSSING – RAISE
GRANT

Discussion was held on the Donna Reed Railroad Bridge Crossing and RAISE grant. Hanson stated that a State of Iowa bridge is no longer requesting funding from the RAISE grant and the City is eligible for \$3.1 million to include the sidewalk. Council does not want to proceed with the sidewalk.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PLAN

Discussion was held on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Council stated they would like the ability to change and amend the CIP to include emergency items. Hanson stated that he will add a section to the end of the CIP showing Council what was completed. Resolution #2023-10 was introduced Approving the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2027. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2023-10. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL OBLIGATION
LAND ACQUISITION LOAN
AGREEMENT

Resolution #2023-11 was introduced taking additional action on proposal to enter into General Obligation Land Acquisition Loan Agreement, combining Loan Agreements and authorizing the use of a Preliminary Official Statement in connection therewith. Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to approve Resolution #2023-11. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2023-12
AMENDMENT No 1 TO
REFUSE HAULING
CONTRACT

Resolution #2023-12 was introduced approving an Amendment No 1 to the Refuse Hauling Contract. Motion by Logan, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution #2023-12. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Soseman reported that she has attended multiple meetings including the Wellness Center, LULAC, Holiday Lights, Visioning, and UIC.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Hanson stated the structural engineer should start next week. He is working on finding the Senior Center lease and inquired what Council members could attend the Northwest Iowa League of Cities meeting next Thursday.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk