

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, July 05, 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, Logan, Miller, and Garcia via telephone. Absent: Granzen (5:00 p.m.)

Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.

Granzen arrived at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Flaherty stated that the City Attorney is reviewing the Health Efficient Homes invoices and recommends tabling the payment.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Garcia, to approve the items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 06/20/2023 Second Regular Council Meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) amend the Special Event Permit for Hot Summer Nights; d) approve liquor licenses for: Crawford County Fair Association, Tienda El Mexicano, Oasis now Buffet Mexicano Los Gemelos; and e) approve reappointment of Barry Bergamo to Library Board, term expiring July 2028 and John Granzen to the Chamber Board, term expiring June 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Baughman stated the IUD moved the hearing schedule to August for the Summit Pipeline. He would like Council to file an objection due to the timeline and would like an intervention to be filed until the safety regulations are received. He stated the Crawford County Board of Supervisors will discuss the issues at their July 11, 2023, meeting.

Walley, Library Director, stated the Library is busy. She reviewed attendance in conjunction with Library programs.

Trejo, Police Chief, reported that the department has not received any fireworks calls. Other call activity increased since last year. The officers are out of the office attending events and running traffic. The department is working on team building.

Snowgren, Fire Chief, reported that the apparatus is scheduled to be picked up in early August.

Martens, Public Works Director, stated they have been working on pool repairs and removing ash trees.

Discussion was held on 1st Avenue South from South 12th Street to South Main Street. The road conditions are deteriorating. The State of Iowa believes it will turn into gravel by Winter 2023. Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to receive bids for both asphalt and concrete and receive alternate bids for the intersection. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2023-48 was introduced Setting a Public Hearing for the Amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa, with Respect to Establishing a Franchise Fee on Video

Services Providers Operating in the City of Denison, Iowa (Western Iowa Networks). Motion by Garcia, seconded by Logan, to set the public hearing for July 18, 2023 at 5 p.m. and approve Resolution #2023-48. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on the Management Agreement with the Nishna Valley Family YMCA. Council would like to work with the YMCA and the City Attorney to finalize the agreement.

Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Miller, to allow the Mayor to sign the Welcoming America Mini Grant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Garcia exited at 5:27 p.m.

Discussion was held City Manager Job Description. Council would like to keep the job description as is.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Curnyn, to approve estimate from Slechta Masonry in amount of \$7,500.00 for foundation repairs at City Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Granzen, to approve the estimate from Karr Tuckpointing in the amount of \$94,089.00 for tuckpointing at the Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the repairs at the Senior Center. Soseman will speak with Region XII about the CDBG grant and will figure out what repairs are covered by the grant.

Garcia returned at 5:36 p.m.

Martens has been obtaining estimates for the roof, electrical, and tuckpointing. The current estimates are \$160,000.00.

Logan exited at 5:39 p.m.

Garcia stated that it is too late to put the Senior Center into the Wellness Center.

Logan returned at 5:41 p.m.

Flaherty stated that the City's insurance agent recommends increasing Excess Liability and insuring the traffic lights. Council would like to have Flaherty obtain quotes.

Garcia stated the Senior Center CDBG grant is a 50/50 match based off how well it competes.

Soseman stated that she would like two Council members to attend the handbook meeting. Garcia and Logan volunteered, and the meeting will be scheduled for July 18, 2023, at 3 p.m. Soseman has reached out to the Board of Supervisors for their help with the Ash trees. She is fearful that people will start dumping trees in the County ditches. Council discussed some options on disposal of ash trees.

Council would like Flaherty to research different options including a revolving loan fund program similar to the sidewalk revolving loan fund. Soseman stated that the City's 175th anniversary is in 2025. Council would like to create a committee.

Martens stated that a possible solution for the ash trees would be hiring a company to grind the trees and use the Burgess property.

Flaherty stated she will be bringing a reimbursement resolution to a future Council meeting in conjunction with the Donna Reed Bridge project.

Granzen would like vehicle decals to be installed on the Parks & Recreation vehicle. Martens stated that he will order and install the decals.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk