

SECOND REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 18, 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** Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to approve the agenda with the removal of item #8, Department Director Reports. Motion carried unanimously.
- PUBLIC HEARING –
FRANCHISE FEE WESTERN
IOWA NETWORK** The 5:00 p.m. public hearing was held 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). There were no oral or written objections. Mayor Soseman declared the hearing closed.
- CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED** Motion by Miller, seconded by Garcia, to approve the items on the consent agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for 07/05/2023 Second Regular Council Meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; c) approve liquor licenses for: Buffet Mexicano Los Gemelos (pending dram shop and BOA approval); d) approve tax abatement for: 2704 3rd Avenue South; e) amend the Special Event Permits and waive the fees: Tri City BBQ Fest; and f) approve TIF-eligible payment #2 to Healthy Efficient Homes in the amount of \$25,000.00 for their Development Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.
- ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE
OF HARLAN** Vicki Kuhn, with the Animal Rescue League of Harlan, stated she is looking for a building in Denison.
- 2202 FRONTIER ROAD
CODE BILL DISPUTE** Discussion was held on the 2202 Frontier Road Bill Dispute. The property owner, Frank Chavez, received a bill for the City trimming his tree. He stated he was out of the country when he received the notice and could not complete the trimming during the time stated. Council agreed to forgive the bill and would like the item on the next agenda.
- TOURISM QUARTERLY
REPORT** Shani Bonner, Crawford County Tourism Coordinator, gave the quarterly tourism report. She reviewed past and upcoming events.
- TABLED WELLNESS
CENTER AD-HOC
RECOMMENDATIONS** Motion by Garcia, seconded by Miller, to table the discussion and possible motion on the Wellness Center Ad-hoc Recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

FRAZIER’S BID FOR
BOULDERS SOFFIT AND
FACIA PROJECT
APPROVED

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the bid from Frazier Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$23,082.00 for the Boulders Conference Center soffit and facia removal and replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED RENTAL OF
LIFT

Motion by Garcia, seconded Miller, to approve the rental of a lift from Duke Rentals not to exceed one month. Motion carried unanimously.

ORNELAS THANK YOU

Juan Ornelas thanked Council for approving his tax abatement.

SEATBELT POLICY

Motion by Logan, seconded by Miller, to approve the City of Denison Seatbelt Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

BECK ENGINEERING TO
WORK ON SOUTH MAIN ST

Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Logan, to authorize Beck Engineering to work on South Main Street from 1st Avenue South to 4th Avenue South. Flaherty stated that the project must be engineered to receive qualifying grants.

PHIL’S LAWN
LANDSCAPING
INSTALLING HOLIDAY
LIGHTS

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Logan, to approve the estimate from Phils Lawn Landscaping for installation and removal of holiday lights, in the amount of \$6,650.00. Motion carried unanimously.

TEN POINT’S BID
APPROVED FOR 1ST
AVENUE SOUTH ST
REPAIRS

Discussion was held on the bids for the 1st Avenue South street repairs. Ten Point Construction was the only bidder and submitted the following bids, Milling and HMA Overlay \$105,117.50, Milling and PCC Overlay \$116,525.00, and Alternate B \$70,926.00. Flaherty recommends paying \$95,500.00 out of ARPA funds and the remaining funds out of LOST. Motion by Miller, seconded by Granzen, to approve the Milling and PCC Overlay and Alternate B. Motion carried unanimously.

INSURANCE QUOTES

Discussion was held on insurance quotes. Flaherty stated the City received quotes from Kurt, Miller, The Hoffman Agency. Miller recommends an additional \$2,000,000 umbrella and insuring the traffic lights. The costs would be \$2,635.00 for the umbrella policy and \$6,284.00 for the traffic lights. Council would like questions answered by the City’s agent before moving forward with the umbrella quote. Motion by Miller, seconded by Logan, to table the umbrella quote and to add the traffic lights to the City policy. Motion carried unanimously.

REIMBURSEMENT
AGREEMENT FOR
PRELIMINARY
ENGINEERING SERVICES

Motion by Garcia, seconded by Curnyn, to allow the Mayor to sign the Reimbursement Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Union Pacific Railroad Company. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2023-49
SETTING WAGES

Resolution #2023-49 was introduced Setting Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees for the City of Denison, Iowa for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Garcia, to approve Resolution #2023-49. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2023-50
REVENUE PURPOSE
STATEMENT FOR USE OR
EXPENDITURE OF FEE
REVENUES

Resolution #2023-50 was introduced Approving and Adopting a Revenue Purpose statement for the use or Expenditure of Fee Revenues from Video Services Providers (Western Iowa Networks). Motion by Garcia, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2023-50. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW CODE CHAPTER 113
FOR 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 Garcia, seconded by Logan, to adopt the first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Soseman stated she attended a handbook meeting, Region XII meeting, Steadfast meeting, Wellness Center meeting, and EPA meeting. She sent a message to Region XII regarding rental inspection training.

PUBLIC WORKS
COMMENDED EMPLOYEES
FOR PASSING OSHA
INSPECTION

Martens stated that three Street Department employees passed a surprise OSHA site inspection. Martens commended the following employees for being safe: Jeffrey Arn, Charles Meyer, and Mark Ewoldt.

BANNERS

Council inquired about the process to hang banners. Martens stated Public Works hangs banner at no charge. Soseman stated Public Works received a Tourism grant for banner supplies and parts.

PARKS & REC DECALS

Granzen inquired about the Parks & Rec decals. Martens stated they received the decals and will install.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk