

REGULAR CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – 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, Zupp-Smith, and Miller by phone. Absent: Logan at 5:02 p.m. by phone.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Soseman led the pledge of allegiance.
- PUBLIC HEARING: 2024
STREET REPAIRS 5:00 p.m. public hearing was held on the Proposed Plans and Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of costs for the 2024 Street Repairs. There were no oral or written objections. Mayor Soseman declared the public hearing closed.
- PUBLIC HEARING: 2024
CITY OF DENISON
WASHINGTON PARK
PLAYGROUND PROJECT 5:00 p.m. public hearing was held on the Proposed Plans and Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of costs for the 2024 City of Denison Washington Park Playground Project. There were no oral or written objections. Mayor Soseman declared the public hearing closed.
- Logan arrived at 5:02 p.m. by phone.
- AGENDA APPROVED Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- CONSENT AGENDA
APPROVED Motion by Granzen, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: a) approve and waive the reading of the minutes for May 21, 2024 second regular meeting; b) approve the bills as presented; and c) approve tobacco permits for: Ampride Truck Plaza, Casey’s General Store #2489, Denison Country Store #11, Dollar General #3887, Fareway Stores Inc #015, Hy-Vee Food Store, Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits, Wal-Mart #1732, Star. Motion carried unanimously.
- NO CITIZEN INPUT There was no citizen input.
- DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
REPORTS Leed, Airport Manager, stated there is cracking on a header for a set of hangar doors and he is getting quotes for repairs. He has been mowing, purchased fuel, and working with the Rotary on a fundraising event. He stated DMU replaced a bulb on the Beacon and investigated a water leak that will need to be fixed. Leed reported that the Iowa Department of Transportation completed a facility compliance check.
- Walley, Library Director, reported the Summer Reading Program started yesterday and 65 people are enrolled.

Ellis, Parks and Recreation Director, stated the outdoor pool is open. He reported the spa is having issues and he is waiting on parts before it can be fixed.

Granzen stated he would like to see full-time Parks and Recreation employees in uniforms.

Trejo, Police Chief, stated the department held a BBQ. Staff worked with the school on bike safety and are attending community events.

Zupp-Smith inquired about the Police Department's partnership with the hospital. Trejo stated the hospital updated their emergency vehicle bags. Zupp-Smith would like officers to be trained on the equipment in the bags before given the ability to use.

Olson, Public Works Director, stated the department has been mowing, weeding, spraying, and working on trees and alleys. He reported that Iowa Prison Industries has started working in Denison and the department rented a chipper to help with tree disposal.

Zupp-Smith thanked Olson for spraying.

Snowgren, Fire Chief, reported the siren project is moving forward and he is working on acoustic modeling for future sirens.

DISCUSSION ON A RAMP FOR THE SENIOR CENTER AND RENTING OUT THE BUILDING

Discussion was held on the Senior Center. Soseman reported that an individual fell at the Senior Center. Olson stated he is obtaining a quote for a diamond plate ramp. Soseman stated the Senior Center was never intended to be rented out. The Board is currently renting out the facility, collecting fees, and the fees are used for building upgrades. Council would like Garcia to work with the City Attorney to compose an agreement including the City being in charge of rentals.

DISCUSSION ON MAINTENANCE FOR UPTOWN PLANTERS AND POSSIBLE HIRING OF A SEASONAL WORKER

Discussion was held on uptown planters. Soseman stated a seasonal worker has not been hired at Public Works and the uptown planters are not being maintained. She will meet with Olson and create a guide for planter maintenance. Garcia will check the budget to see if a seasonal worker can be hired and discuss it at the next Council meeting.

DISCUSSION ON WELLNESS CENTER UPDATES

Garcia met with HGM Associates and Jensen Builders. She stated that Bid Package #1 was under the engineers estimate and Bid Package #2 is due in late June or early July. Garcia reported that a local citizen is allowing the City to use their dirt for the site and there will be a New Market Tax Credit update next week. She stated that three local banks will provide a bridge loan to close the funding gap and the fundraising committee will be responsible for the loan. There will be a meeting with Debi Durham, Iowa Economic Development Authority, next week to give an update for the CAT grant funding. The Wellness Center Committee will continue with fundraising and working on grants.

TABLED GUN BUYBACK
POLICY DISCUSSION

Motion by Granzen, seconded by Curnyn, to table the discussion and possible motion to approve the Gun Buyback Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST
POLICY APPROVED

Miller left at 5:43 p.m. and returned at 5:45 p.m.
Discussion was held on the Conflict of Interest policy. Garcia stated that legal and insurance have reviewed and approved the policy. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Logan left at 5:48 p.m. and returned at 5:49 p.m.

MEMBERSHIP TO THE
HIGHWAY 30 COALITION
APPROVED

Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve the membership to the Highway 30 Coalition. Motion carried unanimously.

PAY ESTIMATE #1 TO KING
CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED

Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve pay estimate #1 to King Construction in the amount of \$7,647.50 for the 13th Avenue South Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Miller left at 5:51 p.m.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
PROJECT UPDATE

Terence Crawford gave an update on the Safe Routes to School Project. He stated that the final change order is due to a quality change.

Miller returned at 5:52 p.m.

CHANGE ORDER #3 TO TEN
POINT CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED FOR SAFE
ROUTES TO SCHOOL
TRAIL PROJECT

Crawford reported that seeding has been completed. Olson will contact the seeding contractor about clipping the overgrown grass. Motion by Curnyn, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to approve Change Order #3 to Ten Point Construction, in the amount of (\$151.25), for the Safe Routes to School Trail Project. Motion carried unanimously.

FINAL PAY ESTIMATE #5
TO TEN POINT
CONSTRUCTION CO, INC.

Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Final Pay Estimate #5 to Ten Point Construction Co, Inc, in the amount of \$14,184.46, for the Safe Routes to School Trail project. Motion carried unanimously.

UNUSED VACATION TO BE
CARRIED OVER FOR CITY
MGR AND PUB WRKS DIR.

Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to allow Public Works Director and City Manager to carry over any unused vacation. Motion carried unanimously.

Miller left at 5:59 p.m., returned at 6:00 p.m., and left at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2024-38 FOR
WORK COMPLETEION OF
SAFE ROUTES PROJECT
APPROVED

Resolution # 2024-38 was introduced approving Certificate of Engineer and Accepting the Work Completion of Safe Routes to School Project. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2024-38. Motion carried unanimously.

Miller arrived at 6:01 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2024-39
COMMUNITY
ATTRACTION AND
TOURISM GRANT
AGREEMENT APPROVED

Resolution #2024-39 was introduced authorizing and approving a Community Attraction and Tourism Grant Agreement between the Enhance Iowa Board and the City of Denison, Iowa in the amount of \$1,000,000. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to approve Resolution #2024-39. Roll Call: Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Granzen, Curnyn, Logan; Nays: None; Abstain: Miller. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote.

RESOLUTION #2024-41
DESTINATION IOWA
ECONOMICALLY
SIGNIFICANT GRANT
AGREEMENT

Resolution #2024-41 was introduced authorizing and approving the Destination Iowa Economically Significant Grant Agreement between the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the City of Denison, Iowa in the amount of \$4,500,000. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Granzen, to approve Resolution #2024-41. Roll Call: Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Granzen, Curnyn, Logan; Nays: None; Abstain: Miller. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote.

RESOLUTION #2024-40
PUBLIC HEARING SET TO
JUNE 18, 2024 FIR
DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC
PROPERTY

Resolution #2024-40 was introduced setting the time and place to conduct a public hearing on the disposal of public property within the City of Denison, Iowa. Motion by Granzen, seconded by Zupp-Smith, to set the public hearing for June 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and approve Resolution #2024-40. Roll Call: Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Granzen, Curnyn, Logan; Nays: None; Abstain: Miller. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote.

RESOLUTION #2024-42
CITY OF DENISON HMA
RESURFACING PROJECT
MAKING AWARD OF
CONTRACT

Resolution #2024-42 was introduced making award of contract for the 2024 City of Denison HMA Resurfacing Project-Division I, II, III, and IV, Denison, Iowa. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2024-42 with the correction of the wording "bid bond." Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION #2024-43
CONSTRUCTION OF
WASHINGTON PARK
MAKING AWARD OF
CONTRACT

Resolution #2024-43 was introduced making award of contract for the 2024 Construction of Washington Park. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to approve Resolution #2024-43, accept the contract as bid, and the correction of the wording "bid bond." Motion carried unanimously.

TABLED DISCUSSION ON
AMENDING FIREWORK
ORDINANCE

Discussion was held on amending the firework ordinance. Council would like to table the ordinance and bring back for discussion in six months. Discussion was held on the enforcement for the current year. Trejo recommends progressive citations. Council would like the Police Department to enforce based off the code. Garcia stated the City will enforce registration and inspection of fireworks stands. Motion by Zupp-Smith, seconded by Curnyn, to table Ordinance Amending Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denison, Iowa by Amending Provisions Pertaining to the Sale, Use, Possession, and Exploding of Fireworks. Ayes: Zupp-Smith, Curnyn, Granzen, Logan; Nays: None; Abstain: Miller. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote.

Miller left at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Soseman reported that she is working on the Farm to Table event, attended a Welcoming America meeting, she will be walking uptown with Olson, and covering minutes with the Mayor on KDSN.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Garcia stated she will be attending a TAC meeting at Region XII. She stated she has a scheduled vacation from June 17th to June 21st and will attend the Council meeting virtually. Garcia reported that S. Ellis, Barroso, C. Ellis, and herself attended training for the Iowa Prison Industries.

GRANT DISCUSSION

Soseman stated she was contacted by a local childcare center to see if they could apply for a Community Development Block Grant.

CONFERENCE CENTER
LANDSCAPING
DISCUSSION

Zupp-Smith commented that the landscaping at the conference needs attention. Garcia stated the Boulders Commission approved a contract for landscaping.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk