

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
(Immediately following Regular Council Meeting held at 5 p.m.)
Council Chambers – Denison, Iowa

Mayor Soseman called the planning session to order with the following members present: Curnyn, Garcia, Granzen, Logan, and Miller.

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| SNOW PLOWING POLICY | Hanson stated that Martens has been working on a written snow removal policy to show the community what to expect during a storm. The policy outlines every aspect of the Public Works snow removal operations. Council would like the policy on the next agenda. |
| CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN | Council discussed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Logan would like to put some large items on hold and look at completing smaller items. He feels that if all projects are done, taxes will increase. Garcia would like to have all requested items left on the CIP but make departments aware that items are adjustable. Hanson stated that the CIP is a guide and when applying for grants, CIPs are typically required. Logan would like to re-prioritize items each year. Garcia would like to challenge Council members to look at different ideas. Hanson stated that street improvements and grant options are not included. |
| POTENTIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BORROWING | Hanson stated that he and Flaherty met with Scott Stevenson, DA Davidson. Stevenson stated that the City could borrow \$5 million and the City's tax rates would not increase. Hanson would like to potentially borrow up to \$5 million to complete several projects over the next three years. Combining the borrowing for multiple years will also save approximately \$50,000 in attorney fees. Miller and Curnyn would like to see a list of projects in the proposed bond. Council would also like to see comparisons borrowing annually versus multiple years. Hanson stated DA Davidson will be in attendance at the November 1 st Council meeting. They will be available to answer any questions on the potential borrowing. |
| PARKING LOT CONDITION & WATER SHEDDING PREVENTING PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS CONTAMINATION ORDINANCE | Discussion was held on the Hy-Vee parking lot. Hanson stated the project has been postponed until Spring due to supply chain issues with the drain. Council would like Hanson to draft an ordinance to include parking lot drainage. |
| URBAN REVITALIZATION ORDINANCE | Hanson stated that two individuals attended the Housing meeting. They would like Council to update the Urban Revitalization Ordinance. Flaherty stated the current ordinance does not match state code and needs to be updated. Council would like Flaherty to reach out to the County Assessor and see if he will come to a future Council meeting to explain their roll in tax abatements. Council would like Flaherty to schedule a meeting with the bond attorney to start the ordinance update. |

12TH AVENUE SOUTH
WEIGHT RESTRICTION

Hanson and Martens are concerned with the current bridge restrictions on Donna Reed Road and potential issues on 12th Avenue South from overweight loads. Hanson would like to increase the signage on 12th Avenue South. Council would like Hanson to speak with Rinnan about enforcement of restricted loads.

WELLNESS CENTER
UPDATE

Hanson reported that 80 percent of the design has been completed on the Wellness Center. A design meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, to review and make minor changes. The next public meeting will be held on November 2, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Boulders Conference Center. Garcia asked if Hanson could speak with the County Supervisors regarding creating a resolution obligating funds for the Wellness Center. The committee will need it for grant applications.

ARPA FUNDS

There were no updates on the ARPA funds.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Pamela Soseman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk