

The second meeting of May for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday May 16, 2016 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst and Joel Wikner. The Council Meeting started at the Denver Waste Water Treatment Plant Administration Building. There were two people in attendance when the Council Meeting returned to the City Council Chambers. Councilman Peterson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor Diercks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion Wikner, second Scharnhorst to approve the agenda. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The City Council toured the Denver Waste Water Treatment Plant, inspected the East Lagoon that was recently cleaned out and inspected the Water Tower and Pump House Building before returning to the Council Chambers.

Motion Peterson, second Richmann to approve the minutes of May 2, 2016. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Motion Peterson, second Gustafson to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing concerning the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendment. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was open at 7:02 p.m.

During the Public Hearing Larry Farley explained the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Amendment. No written or verbal communication was received at City Hall prior to the Public Hearing. Mayor Diercks asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 City Budget Amendment. There was no further discussion.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to Close the Public Hearing concerning the Fiscal Year 2016 City Budget Amendment and Re-Open the Regular Meeting. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion Peterson, second Richmann to approve Resolution No. 42-2016 Fiscal Year 2016 City Budget Amendment and Certification. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion Wikner, second Peterson to Open the Public Hearing to Consider Increasing Electric Rates Effective July 1, 2016. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Opened at 7:06 p.m.

During the Public Hearing Larry Farley explained Electric Rates will increase by an average of 3.20% across all rate classes effective with the July 1, 2016 utility bill. The Electric Rate Increase is a two year increase with 3.20% beginning on July 1, 2016 and another 3.20% increase beginning on July 1, 2017. There are six different Electric Rate Classifications. No written or verbal communication was received at City Hall prior to the Public Hearing. Mayor Diercks asked if anyone else would like to comment on the Electric Rate Increase. There were no further questions.

Motion Richmann, second Peterson to Close the Public Hearing on the Electric Rate Increase and Re-Open the Regular Meeting. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2-2016 Rate Increase for Electric Services. Councilman Peterson requested the General Service Demand Rate kilowatt rate to be double checked as it seemed higher than the 3.2% increase. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Engineer Mark Durbahn presented the 2016 Sidewalk Project. Each sidewalk location was color coded for a sidewalk only, sidewalk with retaining wall, sidewalk without a retaining wall, a landing pad, ramp, ramp to a landing pad etc. Mark Durbahn explained Preliminary Assessment Schedule. The estimated cost used to determine the Preliminary Assessment Amounts are as follows, Removal of existing Driveway \$8.00/Square Yard, 6" P.C.C. Driveway \$50/Sq.Yd., 4 " P.C.C. Sidewalk \$40/Sq.Yd. The estimated costs is high for the "Preliminary Special Assessment" and the actual contractor bid amount is what the homeowners will be assessed in the "Final Special Assessment." The Council would like the City Attorney to explain if the City has the ability to Special Assess property owned by churches and non-profit. Joel Teetzen of 821 Prestien Drive asked what the purpose of sidewalks was. Mayor Diercks answered that the purpose of sidewalks was to provide pedestrians a safe location to walk. Mr. Teetzen suggested installing a 4-Way Stop sign at the intersection of Prestien Drive and Schneider Street to slow traffic down because there are lots of children in that area of town. Mr. Teetzen asked who pays for the retaining walls. Mayor Diercks said the City will pay for the retaining walls included in the project. Homeowners will only be assessed for the removal of their driveway if needed, replace their driveway if needed and the sidewalk. Mr. Teetzen felt the City was "Cherry Picking" the sidewalk locations included in the Sidewalk Project. Mr. Teetzen felt the speed of traffic on Prestien Drive exceeds the posted Speed Limit.

Police Chief Gary Everding presented a new Ordinance for Golf Carts and UTV Vehicles. The new Ordinance would allow Golf Carts and UTVs to drive on City streets and not just to and from their house to the Willow Run Golf Course. The new Ordinance would allow golf carts and UTVs to be driven to the Post Office, or their neighbor's house, or to get a haircut, run errands etc. Gold Carts and UTVs would be prohibited from driving on State Street and Fayette Street. There would be a \$50 Annual Fee and the Denver Police Department would issue stickers to be placed on the rear of the golf cart or UTV. The Denver Police Department will be applying to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to allow for the designation of having golf carts and UTV Vehicles driving on City Streets. Lights must be on the golf cart or UTV during operation and a slow moving vehicle sign attached to the rear of the golf cart or UTV. The implementation for the Ordinance has not been set. There would have to be a disclaimer that would allow for a 90 day exemption period so residents have time to purchase their license before being issued a ticket.

The Council discussed the Tree Planting Ordinance. Council Members felt it would be best if trees were not planted under electric wires.

Motion Peterson, second Scharnhorst to approve Resolution No. 43-2016 Iowa Retail Permit Application for Cigarette / Tobacco / Nicotine / Vapor Products. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Peterson, second Richmann to approve Resolution No. 44-2016 Establishing Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2017. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The Council directed changing the WELLMARK Blue Cross / Blue Shield Employee Health Insurance Plan Year to extend 2016 renewal rates and lock in the current Plan Year through December 31, 2017 according to the terms outlined in the WELLMARK Plan Year Change Response Form.

In Other Business Councilman Wikner asked if the Agenda could be posted on the website by Friday afternoon before the City Council Meeting. Councilwoman Scharnhorst asked if we could let Park & Recreation know to not allow kids under the age of 18 to drive the mower to drag the ball diamonds.

Motion Richmann, second Peterson to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Council Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Revenues for the Month of April 2016

General Fund	\$183,081.39
Library Savings Fund	\$ 0.56
Road Use Fund	\$ 13,090.38
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 12,403.47
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 25,159.71
Debt Service Fund	\$ 26,923.16
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 11,171.83
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 43,034.36
Electric Utility Fund	\$110,617.94
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 624.44
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,081.73</u>
	\$428,188.97

Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.