

The first meeting of December for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday December 5, 2016 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst and Joel Wikner. There were seventeen people in attendance.

Mayor Diercks called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion Peterson, second Richmann to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2016. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Denver Girl Scout Troop #6650 represented by Mia Leonhart, Savana Kastli, Allison Sessler, Ashley Ferson and Krza Iverson presented plans to construct a Book Nook at City Park near the Cyclone City Playground. A Book Nook is a place to store reading materials such as books and magazines to read in the park. They plan to use leftover materials from the playground construction project.

Motion Wikner, second Gustafson to approve Girl Scout #6650 plans to construct a Book Nook in City Park. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Ambulance Crew Chief and Waverly E.M.S. Coordinator Jim Schutte updated the Council on plans for a Bremer County Wide E.M.S. Service. All of the ambulance services in Bremer and Butler County are experiencing difficulty finding enough qualified volunteers to cover all of the on-call hours and the amount of training required for volunteers is making it difficult to keep staffing levels needed to properly operate the ambulance service. The ambulance services in Bremer County have started discussing how to improve their service and looking for how to best provide service in the future. Jim Schutte explained the benefits of going to a Bremer County-Wide Ambulance Service that includes coordinated purchasing of supplies, using one billing service ambulances would be dispatched out of four locations in Bremer County. There are lots of questions that remain unanswered at this time and how the organization would be structured. No decision was made on the Bremer County Ambulance Service.

Ambulance Crew Chief Amy Gehrke presented two bids for a new ambulance. Alexis Fire Equipment was in the amount \$201,214 and Klocke's Emergency Services was in the amount of \$205,127. A third vendor dropped out of the bidding early in the process. The Alexis Fire Equipment Ambulance has the following options; the Ford F-450 Base Bid Ambulance and accessories is \$177,772, Stryker Power Load System \$21,134, 12-volt Power Inverter \$1,233, Attendant Seat/Child Seat \$1,075, striping and paint is included in the base bid. Delivery time is five months after the order is received.

Motion Richmann, second Peterson to approve Resolution No. 103-2016 to purchase a 2017 Ford F-150 Ambulance and Options for the Denver Ambulance Service from Alexis Fire Equipment in the amount of \$201,214. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Wes Gielau was present to request the Council to consider future housing incentives. There are two spec homes that are not sold yet and three lots for twin homes and one lot remains for a single-family home.

Mr. Gielau felt Denver residents have benefitted from the housing incentives and the Denver School District has benefitted from the incentives by gaining 15-20 new students from residents moving out of their single-family homes and into the twin homes. Councilman Richmann is concerned about the City incurring more debt and supports a re-batement program. Scott Hintz requested the Tax Abatement Incentive to be re-bated to the Home Builders since they are the ones taking the risk. The current Tax Abatement Program goes to the Homeowner over a set number of years based on the property valuation as set by the Bremer County assessor. He would like to continue building twin homes in Denver instead of Dike or Waverly. Al Hintz informed the Council that the rest of the Home Building Contractors would prefer to have the tax abatement sent to them over the specified number of years. The program has allowed Denver to keep its elderly population in town. Larry Farley will contact the bond attorney to see if re-bating the property taxes to the Home Building Contractors was allowable.

Motion Wikner, second Scharnhorst to approve the Bills Presented for Payment for December 5, 2016. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

**Bills Presented for Payment for December 5, 2016**

Wages-Variou Persons	11/11/16 & 11/25/16	\$ 33,648.59	All Funds
F.I.C.A.	Withholding Taxes	\$ 11,470.03	All Funds
ICMA Retirement Corp	Retirement Contribution	\$ 911.62	Electric
IPERS	Retirement Contribution	\$ 6,595.95	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Sales Tax Reimbursement	\$ 3,715.00	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Withholding Tax	\$ 2,069.00	All Funds
AECOM	Engineering Services	\$ 2,267.81	RUT
Aflac	Employee Insurance	\$ 423.88	All Funds
ACCO	Chlorine	\$ 138.50	Water
ACES	Computer Technology	\$ 8,028.00	General
Baker & Taylor	Books	\$ 464.44	Library
Barco	Locate Flags	\$ 197.77	Electric
Barnes & Noble	Books	\$ 307.54	Library
Bartels, Kathy	EMS-Fuel	\$ 39.12	General
BC Construction	Building Repair	\$ 300.00	General
Beaumont, Kaitlin	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Black Hawk EMS Assn	EMS-Membership dues	\$ 50.00	General
Black Hawk Waste	Solid Waste/Recycling Collection	\$ 8,579.60	General
Book Farm	Enrich IA	\$ 140.94	Library
Boundtree	Amb-Patient Care	\$ 419.72	General
Boyken, Linda	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Brothers Market	Lib & Sewer Misc. Supplies	\$ 23.85	Lib/Sew
Burman, Grace	Misc. Supplies	\$ 21.63	Library
Casey's General Store	EMS-Gas	\$ 34.97	General
Cenage	Books	\$ 107.50	Library
Center Point Large Print	Books	\$ 43.14	Library
Central Iowa Distribution	Street Paint	\$ 68.84	RUT
Century Link	Telephone	\$ 340.20	All Funds

City Laundering	Mats	\$ 177.66	Gen/Lib
CJ Cooper	Annual Fee for DOT Drug Test Adm	\$ 45.00	RUT
Croell Ready-Mix	Concrete for Fire Hydrant Repair	\$ 586.50	Water
Data Technologies	License & Support Fee	\$ 4,001.11	Electric
Davis Farm & Auto	Auto Repair	\$ 2,094.42	Gen/Rut
Denver Post Master	Nov Billing & Stamps	\$ 348.15	Electric TIF Debt
Denver Savings Bank	Interest Payment on TIF Bond	\$ 1,001.00	Serv.
Denver Underground	Hydrants-Curb-Sidewalk	\$ 4,500.60	Water
Des Moines Register	Subscription Renewal	\$ 239.42	General
Don's Truck	Amb-Auto Repair	\$ 954.57	General
Farley, Larry	Mileage	\$ 11.88	General
Farmers Win Coop	Gas/Diesel	\$ 2,498.17	Gen/Rut
Fehr-Graham	Engineering Services-Schneider St.	\$ 1,368.00	RUT
Fifth Street Tire	Police Car Tires	\$ 1,191.61	General
Forum	Publications	\$ 324.83	Gen/Lib
Ingram	Books	\$ 371.59	Library
Intoximetrics	2 Breathalizers	\$ 837.50	General
Iowa Assn Municipal Utilities	Training	\$ 825.00	Electric
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Training	\$ 280.00	General
Iowa Rural Water	Membership Dues	\$ 275.00	General
IRBY	Electric Materials	\$ 1,601.00	Electric
James Concrete	Curb & Gutter-Tavernier	\$ 400.00	RUT
Kirkwood	AMB-training	\$ 20.00	General
Kriz-Davis	Electric Materials	\$ 539.00	Electric
Kugel, Carol	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Kwik Trip	Fire-Amb-Parks Gas	\$ 214.40	General
Lang Enterprises	Roll Trays	\$ 458.00	Library
Larson Properties II	Assisted Living 10 Year Loan	\$ 300,000.00	General
Leohr, Kerri	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Lifeline	Amb-Auto Repair	\$ 1,144.26	General
Martin Health	AMB-Oct Patient Care	\$ 99.60	General
MEAN	Wholesale & RITA	\$ 82,946.57	Electric
Menards	Christmas Lights	\$ 49.90	Electric
Metering & Technology Solutions	50 Water Meter Couplings	\$ 462.89	Water
Micromarketing	Books & Videos	\$ 429.86	Library
MidAmerican energy	Gas/Electric	\$ 1,253.03	All Funds
Midwest Municipal Transmission Gr.	6 Month Membership Dues	\$ 620.00	Electric
Mihm, Shirley	AMB-Education	\$ 280.00	General
Miller True Value	Shop Materials	\$ 37.45	RUT
Minikus, Dan	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Mittera	Envelopes	\$ 344.00	General
Morrow, Jeffery	Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	UDR

Oriental Trading	Library Program Materials	\$ 137.11	Library
Panther Builders	Housing Grant-501 Schumacher	\$ 25,000.00	Lot Grant
Par Electrical	Pole Replacement	\$ 3,105.00	Electric
Paul Niemann	Road Stone, Shop, Brush Dump	\$ 623.51	RUT
Polk's Lock Service	Service call	\$ 60.00	General
Power Line Supply	Electric Materials	\$ 717.60	Electric
Rite Price	AMB-City-Lib/office supplies	\$ 346.62	Gen/Lib
Sandees	Misc. Supplies	\$ 17.55	Library
Spahn & Rose	Park Repair	\$ 150.04	General
State Revolving Loan Fund	Interest Payment on Sewer Bond	\$ 63,256.47	Debt Serv.
Stetson	Cast Iron Handicap Sidewalk Plates	\$ 497.52	RUT
Superior Welding	AMB-Oxygen	\$ 92.27	General
Teen Vogue	Subscription Renewal	\$ 12.00	Library
Test America	Water Analysis	\$ 421.25	Water/Sew
United American Ins Co	AMB-Insurance Refund	\$ 0.01	General
US Cellular	AMB-City Cell Phones	\$ 251.72	Gen/Sew
VISA	AMB-Surface Pro 3	\$ 36.78	General
Zars, Larry	Dental Reimb & Elect Materials	\$ 379.20	Elec/Gen
Ziegler Cat	CAT Tractor Ride Control	\$ 486.31	RUT
		\$ 589,280.57	

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Motion Peterson, second Scharnhorst to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No 5-2016 Golf Cart and Utility Trail Vehicles. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Gustafson to approve Resolution no. 104-2016 to purchase one 300 kVa underground transformer from Power Line Supply in the amount of \$7,169 and two – 50 kVa transformers from RESCO in the amount of \$3,498. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Scharnhorst to approve \$15,000 for Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to trim trees around primary electric wires in back yards of residential areas. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

In Other Business Councilwoman Scharnhorst asked if Unggoy Broadband had signed their lease agreement and paid their rent. Larry Farley has not received them. Councilman Gustafson updated the Council on Schneider Street discussions with the Denver School Board. The Denver School Board will be discussing the issue at its next School Board Meeting.

Motion Richmann, second Scharnhorst to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Council Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rod Diercks, Mayor

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Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.

