

The first meeting of January for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday January 3, 2017 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst and Joel Wikner. There were eighteen people present from the public.

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

Motion Scharnhorst, second Wikner to approve the agenda with one change to remove Agenda Item #7 Housing Incentives. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

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

Motion Scharnhorst, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of December 19, 2016. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

During Public Forum Craig Lohmann of 1021 Donna Street seen in previous Council Minutes the City Council is considering more housing incentives. Mr. Lohmann informed the Council that he built a new home in Denver and did not receive building incentives and has paid property taxes from Day 1, that is the way it works. Contractors are building Spec Homes and that will depress prices of existing homes. Mr. Lohmann also encouraged the City Council to have the Denver Community School District pay for half of Schneider Street Extension.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Gustafson to approve Resolution No. 1-2017 Mayor and City Council Appointments for 2017. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2017**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Denver, Iowa.

The following persons are appointed to the following positions for 2017. These appointments are made in conformance with the Denver City Code that prescribes who the appointing authority is either the Mayor or City Council.

**2017 City of Denver Elected Officials**

Mayor	Rod Diercks
Mayor Pro-Tem	Joel Wikner
City Council Members	Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst, Joel Wikner

**Council Committee Members**

**Chairperson\***

Public Safety:	Derek Gustafson*	Joel Wikner
Public Works, Health, Social Service:	Joel Wikner*	Mark Richmann
Culture & Recreation:	Mary Scharnhorst*	Jeremie Peterson
General Govt. & Comm. & Econ Dev:	Mark Richmann*	Mary Scharnhorst
Business Activities:	Jeremie Peterson*	Derek Gustafson

**2017 City of Denver Appointments**

Mayor Pro-Tem	Joel Wikner	
City Administrator	Larry Farley	
Chief of Police	Gary Everding Jr.	
Electric Superintendent	Larry Zars	
Streets/Parks Superintendent	Jim Scharnhorst	
Water/Sewer Superintendent	Justin McGlaun	
Librarian	Kelly Platte	
Public Health Officer	Dr. Paul Weber	
Fire Chief	Justin South	
Ambulance Chief	Amy Gehrke	
City Attorney	Dale Goeke	
City Engineer	AECOM	Mark Durbahn
Arborist	Rene Valverde	
Official City Newspaper	Denver Forum	

**Mayor Appointed Boards with City Council Approval**

**Planning & Zoning**

5yr Randy Thurm-Vice Chair  
4 yr Lyle Faust  
3 yr Chris Cappussi  
2 yr Vacant  
1 yr Kevin Thurm-Chairman

**Board of Adjustments**

5 yr Lyle Faust  
4 yr Corey Arians  
3 yr Randy Thurm-Chairman  
2 yr Beth Hartman  
1 yr Matt McCallum

**Park & Recreation**

Kendra Knowles-Chairwoman  
Chris Hovey  
Scott Rothmeyer  
Vacant  
Vacant

**Department Appointments**

**Library Trustees**

Eric Fenton  
Barb Joblinske  
Kelly Kirchoff\*  
Becky Miller  
Mary Neuendorf  
Craig Rash  
Cheryl Moeller

**Denver Ambulance**

Crew Chief - Amy Gehrke  
Maintenance – Eric Robinson

**Denver Fire**

Chief- Justin South  
Asst Chief-Mike Buss  
Captain-Chris Doepke  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant-Todd Seelhammer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant-Chad Widdel  
Treasurer-Keith Oltrogge  
Secretary-Rod Reiter

**Tree Board**

Jim Franzen  
Art Kurtt  
Gene Leonhart  
Alton Midthus  
Dennis Thurm  
Rene Valverde\*

**Bremer County Comm. Foundation**

**Bremer County E911 Board**

**Black Hawk County E911 Board**

**Bremer County Electric Board**

**Bremer County Plumbing Board**

Ryan Tucker  
Gary Everding Rod Diercks  
Rod Diercks Teresa Diercks  
Larry Zars  
Brian Woodard

\*Denotes Chairperson

Motion Richman, second Scharnhorst to approve the Bills Presented for Payment for January 3, 2017.  
 AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

**Bills Presented for Payment for January 3, 2017**

Wages-Variou Persons	12/8/16 & 12/22/16	\$ 35,729.46	All Funds
F.I.C.A.	Withholding Taxes	\$ 11,404.67	All Funds
ICMA Retirement Corp	Retirement Contribution	\$ 911.62	Electric
IPERS	Retirement Contribution	\$ 6,847.50	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Sales Tax Reimbursement	\$ 3,159.00	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Withholding Tax	\$ 2,024.00	All Funds
Aflac	Employee Insurance		All Funds
Iowa Workforce Development	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 27.37	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Electric Use Tax	\$ 1,081.00	Electric
ACCO	Chlorine/pump repair	\$ 904.48	Water
ACES	Back-up	\$ 116.00	General
Appel, Melissa	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 100.00	CCR
Baker & Taylor	Books	\$ 367.90	Library
Barnes & Noble	Books	\$ 100.75	Library
Bigfoot Labs	Amb-Rescue Booker	\$ 120.00	General
Black Hawk Waste	Solid Waste Collection/Recycling Col.	\$ 8,579.60	General
BMC	Sand	\$ 261.92	RUT
Boundtree	Amb-Patient Care	\$ 852.78	General
Bremer County Building & Zoning	Quarterly Fees	\$ 150.00	General
Brothers Market	Misc. Supplies	\$ 17.30	RUT/Wtr
Campbell Supply	Shop Equipment	\$ 69.56	RUT
Casey's	Amb-gas	\$ 109.50	General
Center Point Large Print	Books	\$ 43.14	Library
Century Link	Telephone	\$ 333.98	All Funds
Davik's Auto Body	Boom Truck	\$ 286.36	RUT
City Laundering	Mats	\$ 177.66	Gen/Lib
Crescent Electric	Incandescent Lamp	\$ 59.04	Electric
Davis Farm & Auto	Parts/Explorer Brakes/Charger Brakes	\$ 1,883.18	Gen/Rut
DEMCO	Misc. Supplies	\$ 153.61	Library
Denver Drug	Batteries	\$ 30.47	RUT/Gen
Denver Post Master	Dec Billing & Stamps/ PO rent	\$ 527.30	Electric
Denver Savings Bank	Residential Lot Grant-410 Schumacher	\$ 15,000.00	Lot Grant
Denver Underground	Haul Sand/Park Shelter Demo	\$ 494.75	General
Diercks, Rod	Mileage	\$ 124.20	General
Diercks, Teresa	Amb-Uniform	\$ 45.00	General
Electronic Engineering	Fire-2 Pagers/Batteries	\$ 985.00	General
Family Tree Magazine	Renewal	\$ 34.96	Library
Farley, Larry	Mileage	\$ 23.76	General

Fastenal	Electric Materials	\$ 32.37	Electric
Fehr-Graham	Engineering Services	\$ 3,960.00	RUT
Forum	Oct/Nov Publications	\$ 31.00	Library
Goeke Law Firm	Legal Services for 2016	\$ 12,503.00	General
Harringa, Joan	Community Center Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Hawkeye Community College	Amb-EMS Cen Sponsorship	\$ 15.00	General
Hilmer, Brianna	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Hintz, Scott	Residential Lot Grant-951 S Mill St	\$ 15,000.00	Lot Grant
Impact	Website Hosting	\$ 360.00	Electric
Ingram	Books	\$ 229.55	Library
Iowa One-Call	Underground Locates	\$ 37.80	Electric
IRBY	Electric Materials	\$ 1,854.68	Electric
Iverson, Pam	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Kids Reference	Books	\$ 41.97	Library
Kirkwood	Amb-Training-Robinson	\$ 5.00	General
Kwik Trip	Gas	\$ 229.98	G-A-F
Martin Health	Amb-Patient Care	\$ 1.38	General
McMaster-Carr	Snow Plow Parts	\$ 243.91	RUT
MEAN	Wholesale Electric & RITA	\$ 76,378.43	Electric
Menards	Shop Tools	\$ 174.96	RUT
Micro Marketing	Books/Videos	\$ 212.24	Library
MidAmerican Energy	Elec/gas	\$ 1,203.88	All Funds
Minikus, Dan	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Mosquito Control	2016-Mosquito Spraying	\$ 6,250.00	General
Neuendorf, Mary	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Oltrogge, Joel	LED Light Rebate	\$ 40.00	Electric
Oltrogge, Sarah	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
Our Iowa	Renewal	\$ 19.98	Library
Panther Builders	Lot Grant-421 Schumacher	\$ 15,000.00	Lot Grant
PCC	Amb-EME Renewal	\$ 100.00	General
Physicians Claim	Amb-Ambulance Billing	\$ 621.93	General
P&K Midwest	Mower Parts	\$ 198.99	General
Premier Technology	Technology	\$ 185.00	Library
RACOM	Install Spotlight on Car	\$ 366.00	General
Resco	Electric Materials	\$ 3,493.45	Electric
Rite Environmental	Haul Park Shelter	\$ 255.49	General
Rite Price	Office Supplies	\$ 263.74	Gen-Amb-lib
Ryan Exterminating	Pest Control	\$ 120.00	All Funds
Smith Studio	Council Photo	\$ 45.00	General
Superior Welding	AMB-Oxygen	\$ 24.25	General
Test America	Water & Wastewater Analysis	\$ 291.00	Sewer
Tiedt, Lynette	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	CCR
US Cellular	Cell Phone	\$ 250.93	Gen/Amb

Utility Equipment	Boom Truck Liner	\$ 465.45	RUT
Verizon	Police Car Computer	\$ 80.04	General
VISA	Amb-Equipment & Training	\$ 558.13	General
Wagner, Andrew	Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 75.00	UDR
Waverly Tire	Snow Blower Parts	\$ 176.00	RUT
Wellmark	Employee Insurance	\$ 14,732.95	All Funds
Wikner, Joel	Mileage	\$ 78.84	General
Young Plumbing & Heating	Building Maintenance	\$ 140.97	Gen/Lib
Zars, Larry	Electric Training	\$ 305.93	Electric
		\$ 250,316.04	

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Police Chief Gary Everding presented the Denver Police Department Budget Request for FY 2018. The Denver Police Department is requesting a Ford Explorer (\$29,000) and fully equipped at a cost of \$40,492 to replace the 2012 Dodge Charger. They would like to start using the Iowa Department of Transportation TRAC and MACH Systems to smaller police departments. TRACs will cost around \$2,800 per year to use the system. The Police Department also requested the purchase of one bullet resistant vest at \$1,500. Chief Everding will present the Annual Report on January 16, 2017.

Denver Fire Chief Justin South presented the Denver Fire Department Annual Report for 2016. There were fifty-six total Fire Calls in 2016 that included four Building Fires, fifteen extrication of victim from vehicle, five medical assist calls, one off-road heavy equipment fire, three power lines down, five smoke or odor removal and one trench/below grade rescue. Chief South also presented the Fire Department Budget Request for FY 2018 that included Coats and Pants \$10,000, Training \$3,000, Steel Door Frames and Concrete Floor Repair \$9,000, Air Bottles \$13,980 and \$45,000 in Fire Truck Debt Service Payments.

Library Director Kelly Platte presented the Denver Public Library Budget Request for FY 2018. The Library has seen a continued shift to more digital usage, e-book service will increase by 40% next year, book prices continue to increase, they need to double the amount for postage since the AEA 267 van service will be discontinued starting in May of 2017. The Friends of the Library have been raising money to fund a 2' x 5' Digital Event Sign to be mounted outside the Library. The sign is expected to cost \$14,000 and to date they have raised \$12,282. Fund raising should be completed by this Spring and install the sign this summer. The \$14,000 is only for the sign and ne electrical installation, City Employees would have to do the wiring. The Denver Public Library is asking for a 3.5% increase over last year's budget to maintain the current level of services. The requested Total Library Budget is \$146,198.

Kendra Knowles of the Denver Park & Recreation presented the Park & Recreation Budget Request for FY 2018 that included pitching rubbers, catcher's helmets, umpire fees, lite volleyballs, refrigerator for Diercks Park Concession stand, new cement for the dugouts at Diercks Park. The jerseys bought for the travel teams has worked well and made the program more affordable for families. Kendra Knowles also presented the 2016 Activities Report. T-Ball had 74 boys & girls participate, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Coach Pitch 22 girls and 20 boys, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Travel Ball had 17 girls and 39 boys, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Travel Ball had 15 girls and 15 boys, Flag Football 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 26 boys & girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 34 boys & girls, Volleyball 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 13 boys & girls, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 15 boys & girls, 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 17 boys & girls.

Kendra Knowles informed the Council that Brandon Beatty is working on his Eagle Scout Project and he is considering building Dugout Roofs at Diercks Park. Adult Softball is not real popular and it might be a timing issue of when it is held so they are considering changing the date of the season.

The City Council would like to start a City-Wide E-Mail List. Larry Farley informed the Council that in the next City Newsletter if anyone wants to be added to the City E-Mail list to send him an E-Mail at [larry.farley@cityofdenveriowa.com](mailto:larry.farley@cityofdenveriowa.com) and they will be added to the list for City Business Notifications. The City Council also would like to try a Facebook Page for City Business Notifications.

In Other Business Councilman Peterson, would like to have the Meeting Agendas and Meeting Minutes for previous City Council arranged into a document folder and then just have the current year available by meeting date on the City of Denver Website for the public to review.

Motion Wikner, second Scharnhorst to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.