

The third meeting of January for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday January 16, 2017 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst and Joel Wikner. There was three people present from the public.

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 Scharnhorst, second Richmann to approve the minutes of January 7, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

The council discussed Housing Incentives for 2017. Councilman Richmann and Councilwoman Scharnhorst were in favor of rebating the property taxes paid on a new home back to the Home Builder after they have been paid by the Home Owner. Mayor Diercks felt it would be better to have the Home Owner receive the tax abatement. Councilman Peterson asked if the Home Builder would receive all the property taxes paid or just the City's portion of the property tax bill.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Gustafson to move forward and research further details with a proposal that creates a Housing Incentive Program that calculates who receives the Tax Abatement and how much money will be rebated for each new home and include the costs to create this program. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst. NAYS: Wikner.

Due to the weather conditions Engineer Brenna Fall was unable to attend the Council Meeting and present the Concept Plan of 2018 for South State Street Reconstruction Project. Larry Farley reviewed the Concept Plan with the City Council. Brenna Fall will be scheduled to attend the February 6, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Peterson to postpone Resolution No. 2-2017 Concept Plan for 2018 South state Street Reconstruction Project. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to Set Date for a Public Information Meeting on the 2018 South State Street Reconstruction Project for February 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Denver Community Room. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Police Chief Gary Everding presented a proposal for Active Shooter Equipment. The new equipment will be Black in color and stored in the Police Car. The Council told Chief Everding include the side plates in the order. The Active Shooter Equipment will be ordered from Kieck's Career Apparel & Uniform in Cedar Rapids, Iowa in the amount of \$2,712.00. Previously, the Council had approved \$3,000 for the purchase of Active Shooter Equipment.

Motion Peterson, second Scharnhorst to approve a proposal submitted from Cardinal Construction to repair the steel exterior walk door frames that have rusted and approximately 18' of concrete around the floor drains in the Fire Department and Ambulance Crew bays at the E.M.S. Building in the amount of \$10,412. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Peterson, second Scharnhorst to approve a Class B Wine Permit for Dollar General Store #17603. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Larry Farley reviewed revenues and expenditures with the Council for the FY 2018 City Budget. The Council reviewed the proposed FY 2018 Balance Sheet. No final decisions were made on the budget. The Council wanted to keep the same Tax Rate as last year.

There was no Other Business.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

**Revenues for the Month of December 2016**

General Fund	\$144,731.94
Library Savings Fund	\$ 1.42
Road Use Fund	\$ 18,304.09
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 14,114.04
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 6,706.66
Debt Service Fund	\$ 49,704.05
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 17,971.55
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 49,159.90
Electric Utility Fund	\$132,721.07
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 659.97
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,186.33</u>
Total	\$436,261.02

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Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.