

The second meeting of January for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Saturday January 7, 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 one person present from the public.

Mayor Diercks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Motion Scharnhorst, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Ambulance Crew Chief Amy Gehrke presented the Denver Ambulance Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2018. The new ambulance purchase is in FY 2017; a new line item will be created for the annual debt service payment in FY 2018. The heart monitor carried in the ambulance will need to be replaced in the near future at a cost of \$28,000. The Ambulance Service is planning on doing fundraising for the heart monitor. The Denver Lions Club is having a breakfast in February for the Denver Ambulance Service. Amy reviewed the other line items with the Council and updated the Uniforms Line Item for \$1,000. Amy Gehrke provided the Annual Report for the Denver Ambulance Service to the Council. There was a total of 273 calls for service during 2016, 118 of those calls were inside the City Limits and 99 were in Bremer County, 34 in Black Hawk County and the rest were to assist other departments. 102 of those calls were during the day. Amy presented a historical record all the ambulance calls for service since 1976 and it showed 2016 was the busiest year ever with 273 calls, 2015 (267), 2014 (272), 2013 (226), 2012 (195), 2011 (168), 2010 (166).

Larry Farley provided the following information for the FY 2018 City Budget to the City Council.

City of Denver Property Valuations/Tax Rate History

Fiscal Year	Property Taxable Valuations	Debt Service	100% Valuations
FY 2017	\$65,152,210 0.345%	\$74,852,210	\$122,385,535
FY 2016	\$64,927,627 6.51%	\$71,047,627	\$118,799,455
FY 2015	\$60,957,711 1.58%	\$63,925,711	\$106,423,374
FY 2014	\$60,011,673 5.65%	\$62,191,673	\$104,291,381
FY 2013	\$56,800,319 1.87%	\$60,310,172	\$102,175,690
FY 2012	\$55,756,662	\$57,556,662	\$100,864,649

Taxable Valuations for TIF Areas

FY 2017	\$9,700,000
FY 2016	\$6,120,000
FY 2015	\$2,968,000
FY 2014	\$2,968,000
FY 2013	\$3,509,853
FY 2012	\$1,800,000

City of Denver Tax Rates

	<u>General Fund Levy</u>	<u>Ag Land</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Debt Serv.</u>	<u>Total Tax Rate</u>
FY 2017	\$5.63554	\$3.00375	\$0.27000	\$0.919645	\$6.82499
FY2016	\$5.63555	\$3.00375	\$0.27000	\$1.05670	\$6.96225
FY 2015	\$5.73272	\$3.00375	\$0.27000	\$0.95953	\$6.96225
FY 2014	\$5.87983	\$3.00375	\$.027000	\$0.97662	\$7.12645
FY 2013	\$6.05685	\$3.00375	\$0.27000	\$1.30524	\$7.63209
FY 2012	\$6.50001	\$3.00375	\$0.27000	\$1.16450	\$7.93451

Residential Rollback

FY2015 General Levy \$5.73272/\$1,000 and that generated \$360,233 in revenues.	54.4002%
FY2016 General Levy \$5.63555/\$1,000 and that generated \$343,530 in revenue.	55.7335%
FY2017 General Levy \$5.63554/\$1,000 and that generated \$365,902 in revenue.	56.6259%
FY2018 General Levy \$5.61611/\$1,000 and this generates \$365,902 in revenue.	56.9391%

FY 2017 RUT Funding \$120/Capita \$213,600

FY 2018 RUT Funding \$119.50/Capita 212,710

L.O.S.T. Revenues are ahead of Budgeted \$125,000 budgeted for Streets thru November 2016 we received \$56,752
Sewer L.O.S.T. Budgeted \$42,000 we have received \$18,917 thru November 2016

Larry Farley reviewed a list of Budget Questions with the Council concerning expenditure priorities for FY 2018 City Budget. The Council requests a 3% wage adjustment for all employees to be calculated into the budget, increase employee health insurance premiums by 10%, include one month Health Insurance Premium to be budgeted for a Health Savings Account (HSA) since Street/Park Superintendent has announced his retirement at the end of December 2017 the Council would like to hire Jim's replacement this Spring and that employee would also do the mowing this summer. The Police Department Budget to include \$40,500 for a new Ford Explorer All Wheel-Drive to replace the Dodge Charger and \$1,500 to replace a Bullet Resistant Vest, Councilman Peterson felt city employees could remove any equipment in the Dodge Charger before the car is sold. The Fire Department Budget will be the same as requested the cost for a complete set of fire gear is \$2,400. The Denver Ambulance Service Budget will be the same as requested with a line item for the Annual Payment of the new ambulance. The Denver Public Library Budget will increase by 3.5% over last year to keep up with technology. The Denver Park & Recreation Budget will include \$3,400 for equipment and a refrigerator for Diercks Park Concession Stand, new dugouts \$7,000 for the Softball Diamond at Diercks Park, look at a better drinking fountain at City Park, mulch for Cyclone City, if the restrooms are overcrowded look at renting a portable toilet for the summer, Councilman Gustafson felt the City should look at limestone or concrete pads at City Park to be built into the natural lay of the ground to be used as a place to sit on during concerts or movies in the park. Change weed spraying services to Shaun Davis of Fairbank for city properties, keep mosquito spraying in the budget, keep treating Ash trees in Public Areas. Human service Agency Budget requests, Pathways Behavioral Services \$1,000, NE Iowa Community Action \$1,000, Cedar Valley Friends of the Family \$500, Helping Services of Northeast Iowa \$1,000. Include City Election costs of \$1,500, Attorney fees \$20,000, start a Street Sweeper Reserve \$25,000, include curb & gutter and asphalt on E. Main Street and Transit Street between E. Fayette Street and Eagle Street., four storm sewer intakes to be replaced \$16,000, include Phase III of Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Study, the areas for sidewalk construction would include Prestien Drive between Russell Street and Fairview Street and the West side of Schneider Street along St Peter's Cemetery and the East side of Schneider Street between Lincoln Street and Prestien Drive and on Lincoln Street from Schneider Street to Longview Street. The Water Department Budget should include replacing two fire hydrants for \$12,000, Water Tower painting is estimated to cost \$58,847 but will not be included in the FY 2018 City Budget, the Sewer Department Budget will include \$5,000 for a valve in the pipe coming out of the Forrest Ave. Park Restroom, the

valve will be closed during flood events, raise four manholes in the Flood Plain at a cost of \$8,000, 40 UV Bulbs for disinfection at the Sewer Plant at a cost of \$70/Bulb or \$2,800, the Electric Department Budget will include a used Boom Truck at \$90,000, Cold Storage Building to be added onto the existing Public Works Building to store equipment sitting outside for an estimated cost of \$70,000. The Council requested checking into the costs of Remote Deposit Capture and credit card and debit card payments for utility bill payments.

Motion Peterson, second Scharnhorst to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Council Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.