

The second meeting of March for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday March 20, 2017 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst and Joel Wikner. Councilman Richmann was available through speakerphone. There were three people present from the public.

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

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

Motion Wikner, second Peterson to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing to consider a 25 Year Non-Exclusive Natural Gas Franchise with MidAmerican Energy. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing opened at 7:01 p.m.

During the Public Hearing MidAmerican Energy Franchise Manager Mark Reinders and the Denver Local contact employee for MidAmerican Energy Company Denny Kuennen were present. Larry Farley reviewed changes offered by City Attorney Dale Goeke to the proposed Ordinance that included in Section 1 a Non-Exclusive right and franchise, a review period during the first 90 days of the 15th Year of the 25 Year Franchise, annually provide a roster of employees who can be contacted by City Hall for issues related to natural gas service issues, impose a one percent Franchise Fee but defer it for now, franchise fees can be imposed once every 12 months. Removed section about the City of Denver protecting MidAmerican Energy Natural Gas facilities. Councilman Wikner would like MidAmerican Energy employees to be more accommodating and respond faster when the City of Denver has projects going on when changes have to be made after excavating begins and natural gas pipes need to be moved. Mark Reinders explained that they will do their best to respond faster to the City's request for assistance.

Motion Wikner, second Gustafson to Close the Public Hearing to consider a 25 Year Non-Exclusive Natural Gas Franchise with MidAmerican Energy and Open the Regular Meeting. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion Peterson, second Wikner to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No 1-2017 Granting to MidAmerican Energy Company and its successors and assigns, the right and non-exclusive franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate in the City of Denver, Iowa a Natural Gas System and to furnish and sell natural gas and its inhabitants and authorizing the City to collect franchise fees for a period of 25 Years. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Peterson, second Gustafson to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Motion Wikner, second Peterson to approve Resolution No. 5-2017 a One-Year Agreement with Private Contractor for Weed Spraying / Fertilizing of City Property with Weeds on Fire in the amount of \$3,269. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: Gustafson, Richmann, Scharnhorst.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Gustafson to approve Resolution No. 5-2017 and changing the Lawn Care Contractor to Davis Lawn Care instead of Weeds on Fire; for a One-Year Agreement with Private Contractor for Weed Spraying / Fertilizing of City Property with Davis Lawn Service in the amount of

\$3,347. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Richmann, Scharnhorst. NAYS: Peterson, Wikner.

Motion Wikner, second Scharnhorst to approve Resolution No. 6-2017 to set a date for a Public Hearing on April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to consider increasing Water Rates. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Peterson, second Richmann to approve Resolution No. 7-2017 to set a date for a Public Hearing on April 3, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. to consider increasing the Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Peterson to approve the City of Denver to act as Fiscal Sponsor for the Denver Public Library Grant Application for Technology Equipment to be submitted to the Northeast Iowa Community Foundation Grant Application. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The Council reviewed a proposed 28E Agreement between the City of Denver and the Denver Community School District. There were no changes to the proposed 28E Agreement.

The Council reviewed the Public Works Operator Job Description. Added one sentence and other duties as assigned.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Gustafson to approve a Class E Liquor License, Class B Wine Permit, Class C Beer Permit for Brother’s Market Four, Inc. d/b/a Brother’s Market. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The Council reviewed the new NPDES Permit issued by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the Denver Wastewater Treatment Plant and reviewed the additional costs of \$2,600 for the increased lab testing of the effluent. The City of Denver had filed a variance with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and they did not feel it presented an economic hardship for the City of Denver.

Larry Farley will send letters to property owners along West Main Street to cost share 50/50 for curb & gutter installation.

In Other Business Councilman Wikner would like to see the fees that Bremer County Building & Zoning charges for Water Heater and Water Softener installation eliminated. The Council will review the Bremer County Building & Zoning Fees at the next City Council Meeting.

Motion Wikner, second Peterson to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Revenues for the Month of February 2017

General Fund	\$ 31,019.83
Library Savings Fund	\$ 1.33
Road Use Fund	\$ 20,780.43
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 14,114.05
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 451.69
Debt Service Fund	\$ 502.44
Permanent Fund	\$ 299.34
Water Utility Fund	\$ 12,652.18

Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 43,171.20
Electric Utility Fund	\$113,878.94
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 475.00
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,035.58</u>
Total	\$239,382.01

Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.