

The second meeting of May for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday May 15, 2017 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Derek Gustafson, Jeremie Peterson, Mark Richmann, Mary Scharnhorst and Joel Wikner.

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

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

Motion Scharnhorst, second Richmann to approve the minutes of May 1, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Motion Peterson, second Richmann to Open Public Hearing to Consider the FY 2017 City Budget Amendment. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Opened at 7:01 p.m.

Larry Farley reviewed the FY 2017 City Budget Amendment with the Council. No written or verbal responses were received. Increases in Public Safety for the new Ambulance, Public Works for the South Schneider Street Project and Transit Street Project, Decrease in Health and Social Services, Increase in General Government for Legal Services, and Business Type / Enterprises Program for the Sewer Plant Project Completion, Well Pump Repair and New Electric Service Installations for electric materials. Mayor Diercks asked if anyone had comments. There were no comments on the FY 2017 City Budget Amendment.

Motion Peterson, second Wikner to Close the Public Hearing on the FY 2017 City Budget Amendment and Re-Open the Regular Meeting. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Motion Peterson, second Scharnhorst to approve Resolution No. 18-2017 Fiscal Year 2017 City Budget Amendment and Certification. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Mike Gorshe was present and informed the Council that the Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. in front of the Denver American Legion. Mr. Gorshe also requested handicap ramp in front of the American Legion Building. The Council was in agreement with a Handicap Ramp they just need to find a location for it. Mike Gorshe will get in contact with Larry Farley to find a location for the handicap ramp.

Matt Brooks asked the Council if there was anything that could be done about the fence he wanted to build in his back yard that was denied a Variance by the Denver Board of Adjustment. Mt. Brooks had requested a Variance for a 6' fence along the side yard of his back yard but only a 4' high fence is allowed by the Denver Zoning Ordinance. Larry Farley said it would have to go back to the Board of Adjustment after a period of 90 days has elapsed and that motion has to come from a member of the Board of Adjustment. The Council took no action on the request.

Kelly Scott, Project Engineer with Snyder & Associates presented the Concept Plan for the South State Street Improvement Project. Ed Blumenshine is opposed to the 36' street width being proposed, he would like to see a Four-Lane Street constructed, and the 36' wide street does not take into account future

development that could occur in the future, a narrower street would cause congestion by the mail carrier, increasing amount of truck traffic and the volume of traffic has grown he has observed cars passing school buses on South State Street. Mr. Blumenshine felt there were numerous reasons to make South State Street a Four-Lane Street. Councilman Peterson has been observing the area closely since this project was being planned and he has observed no more than two cars parked on South State Street. Gary Everding Sr. felt Turn Lanes are needed and a formal Traffic Survey should be completed. Carol Everding asked about when a new street going East would be built to get to the Athletic Complex. Councilman Peterson felt a 36' wide street would maintain a quant small-town feel and opposed to a Four Lane Road. Councilman Richmann felt the safest way to enter a four-lane road would be the interchange on Fayette Street. Gary Everding Sr. informed the Council that the sidewalk in front of his mother's property was removed by the Iowa Department of Transportation years ago. Anna Everding did not feel she should have to pay for the sidewalk that was removed by the Iowa Department of Transportation years ago. Kelly Scott felt if traffic continues to increase build two lanes now and then build two more lanes in the future when needed. Ed Blumenshine felt the 36' street lacks functionality and why move the street width to build new curb & gutter when the curb & gutter he has in front of his property is fine. Carol Everding asked about delaying the project for a year. Kelly Scott informed the Council that the Concept Statement must be submitted by June 13, 2017 to the Iowa Department of Transportation in order to stay on schedule for the December 2017 Bid Letting. Ms. Scott wants to know from the City Council what features are the most important for South State Street, such as parking, turn lanes, street width, bike lanes etc. The Council plans to finalize the Concept Statement at its June 5, 2017 Council Meeting.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Peterson to approve Resolution No. 16-2017 Pay Request #1 for the FY 2016 Sidewalk Improvement Project for Mike Dolan Construction in the amount of \$78,772.10. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Wikner to approve the purchase of a Fire Hydrant Water Meter from Utility Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,345.45. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Peterson to approve Agreed-Upon Procedures Proposal for a Financial Exam of the FY 2017 City Financial Records by Ridihalgh, Fuelling, Snitker, Weber & Co., P.C. in the amount of \$5,750. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Scharnhorst, second Peterson to hire Cody Markey for the Full-Time Public Works Operator Position at \$18.00 per hour and Full-Time Employee Benefits Package with a Tentative Starting Date of May 30, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

In Other Business Mayor Diercks reminded the Council of the Ambulance Meeting on Wednesday Night in Janesville at 7:00 p.m.

Motion Wikner, second Gustafson to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Revenues for the Month of April 2017

General Fund	\$214,162.50
Library Savings Fund	\$ 1.33
Road Use Fund	\$ 12,467.56
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 11,934.35
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 50,629.43
Debt Service Fund	\$ 24,822.53
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 10,794.38
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 35,882.10
Electric Utility Fund	\$ 88,394.11
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 1,300.00
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 1,678.12</u>
Total	\$452,066.41

Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.