

The first meeting of April for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday April 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 nine people present from the public.

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

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

Motion Scharnhorst, second Peterson to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Floyd Liddle owner of Whiskey Junction was present to inform the Council that he felt the Denver Police Department were harassing his customers that come into his business from party buses. Mr. Liddle realizes his customers aren't all perfect but he doesn't want to lose their business. Council members felt Mr. Liddle could help out the situation by having his employees police his party bus patrons and pickup cans, bottles and cigarette butts left outside his establishment after they close. There were Denver residents and business owners present that expressed their concerns about cleaning up the bottles, cans and cigarette butts after party buses leave and voiced concern about frequently urinating on their property. Business owners felt there should be mutual respect for each other to keep the downtown cleaned up. Council members felt party buses are welcome to come to town and lawfully have fun and enjoy Denver and its businesses and leave town safely.

Motion Wikner, second Scharnhorst to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing to consider the proposed Water Rate increase effective July 1, 2017. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m.

Larry Farley explained the Water Rate Increase would add \$1.00 per month per customer to the minimum monthly service charge for all water customer types. The usage rate of \$1.65/1,0000 of water used will not change. The new monthly fee is effective June 1, 2017 and due and payable with the July 2017 Utility Bill. No comments for or against the proposed rate increase were received prior to the Council Meeting and no comments for or against the proposed rate increase were received during the Public Hearing.

Motion Richmann second Peterson to Close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Water Rate Increase and Re-Open the Regular City Council Meeting. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:29 p.m.

Motion Peterson, second Wikner to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2-2017 Amending Chapter 13.04.370 of the Municipal Code of the City of Denver, Iowa and Increasing the Water Rates Effective June 1, 2017 and due and payable with the July 2017 Utility Bill. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Scharnhorst to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing to consider the proposed to the Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee Increase effective July 1, 2017. AYES:

Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:29 p.m.

Larry Farley explained the Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee increase of \$0.50 per month per customer to make the new Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee of \$3.00 per month per customer. This is the first time the Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee has been increased since it was enacted in July of 2010. Larry Farley had one citizen voice concerns about how the Storm Water Funds were being used for debt service or maintenance of storm water intakes and storm water pipe replacement. Larry Farley explained they were being used to partially fund the Hoover Street Storm Sewer Note and they generate an estimated \$25,000 of revenue per year and the annual payment for the Hoover Street Storm Sewer Bond is \$34,350. There were no other comments for or against the proposed rate increase prior to the Public Hearing and no comments for or against the proposed rate increase were received during the Public Hearing.

Motion Richmann second Peterson to Close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee and Re-Open the Regular City Council Meeting. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

Motion Wikner, second Gustafson to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 3-2017 Amending Chapter 13.12.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Denver, Iowa and Increasing the Storm Water Utility Monthly Fee Effective June 1, 2017 and due and payable with the July 2017 Utility Bill. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

City Arborist Rene Valverde representing the Denver Tree Board presented a 50/50 Tree Planting Cost Share Program between the City and homeowners to plant trees. The Denver Tree Board would like to offer this program this Spring to see how much interest there is with planting trees for homeowners. There is a limit of one tree per homeowner. The Tree Board will plant fifteen trees for homeowners this Spring and if the demand is there for more trees they will do a Fall plant. A copy of the application will be sent out with the April Utility Bill and Newsletter. Applications are due by May 1, 2017.

Motion Peterson, second Gustafson to approve the 50/50 Tree Planting Cost Share Program as proposed by the Denver Tree Board. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: Richmann, Scharnhorst.

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

Bills Presented for Payment for April 3, 2017

Wages-Variou Persons	3/2/17, 3/16/17, 3/31/17	\$ 52,657.40	All Funds
F.I.C.A.	Withholding Taxes	\$ 17,120.39	All Funds
ICMA Retirement Corp	Retirement Contribution	\$ 1,367.43	Electric
IPERS	Retirement Contribution	\$ 10,080.24	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Sales Tax Reimbursement	\$ 3,293.00	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Withholding Tax	\$ 3,035.00	All Funds

Iowa Workforce Development	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 168.70	All Funds
Aflac	Employee Insurance 3 Pay Periods	\$ 962.82	All Funds
Iowa Treasurer	Electric Use Tax	\$ 692.00	Electric
ACCO	Chlorine	\$ 226.25	Water
AECOM	Engineering Services	\$ 1,140.58	RUT
Ahlers Cooney	Attorney Fees	\$ 312.00	General
Baas, Stacy	UB overpayment (reissue)	\$ 7.00	Electric
Baker & Taylor	Books	\$ 360.73	Library
Barnes & Noble	Books	\$ 138.64	Library
Bigfoot Labs	Amb-Rescue Booker	\$ 120.00	General
Black Hawk Waste	March Garbage/Recycling Collection	\$ 8,170.65	General
BMC	Road Stone	\$ 99.26	RUT
Boundtree	Amb-Patient Care	\$ 36.88	General
Bremer County Building and Zoning	Quarterly Fees & Variance	\$ 390.00	General
Brides	Magazine subscription	\$ 11.97	Library
Brothers	Misc. Supplies	\$ 130.17	Gen/Lib/RUT
Cenage	Books	\$ 64.37	Library
Center Point Large Print	Books	\$ 43.14	Library
Century Link	Telephone	\$ 339.81	Gen/Elec/Lib
Davik's Auto Body	Ambulance Repair Deductible	\$ 50.00	General
City Laundering	Mat/Towel Rental	\$ 194.54	General
Davis Farm & Auto	Auto Repair	\$ 442.92	Gen/RUT/Sew
Demco	Misc. Supplies	\$ 218.66	Library
Denver Drug	Amb-Patient Care	\$ 39.99	General
Denver Oil	55 Gallons of 15W-40 Oil	\$ 695.20	RUT
Denver Postmaster	Util. Bills/Stamps/Presort Fee	\$ 727.17	Electric
Denver Underground & Grading Inc.	Lift Station, Water Main Rep, Intake	\$ 8,420.99	RUT/wat/sew
Diercks, Rod	Amb-training	\$ 70.00	General
Diercks, Rod	Mileage for Meetings	\$ 93.09	General
Diercks, Teresa	Amb-Para Renewal	\$ 50.00	General
Dunkin, Jenny	Community Room Dep. Ref (Reissue)	\$ 30.00	CCR
Everding, Gary	Dental Reimbursement	\$ 530.56	General
Farley, Larry	Mileage for Meeting/Courthouse	\$ 26.75	General
Gierke-Robinson	Discharge Hose	\$ 77.67	Water
Grit	Renewal	\$ 16.95	Library
Gustave Larson Co	2 Blower/Motors for Community Room	\$ 999.13	General
Haltom, Jordon	P&R Help	\$ 75.00	General
Heaven's Best	Community Room Chair & Tile Clean	\$ 1,090.00	General
Impact Marketing	Website Updates	\$ 250.00	General
Ingram	Books	\$ 168.13	Library
Iowa Association of Municipal Util.	Meeting	\$ 345.00	Electric
Iowan	Renewal	\$ 22.00	Library
Iowa Pump Works	Buss Lift Station Pump	\$ 2,164.66	Sewer

John Deere Financial	Plastic Tubing from Norby's	\$ 12.56	Water
Irby	Electric Materials	\$ 251.25	Electric
Kirkwood	Fire-training	\$ 15.00	General
Klinghammer, Chris	Amb-Incentive Pay (reissue)	\$ 20.00	General
Kriz-Davis	Electric Materials	\$ 1,920.00	Electric
Kwik Trip	Gas	\$ 49.09	General
MEAN	Wholesale-Rita	\$ 82,846.52	Electric
Menards	Shop Materials	\$ 52.88	RUT
Meridian Health	Amb-Insurance Reimbursement	\$ 79.34	General
Micro Marketing	Books/Videos	\$ 437.88	Library
Midamerican Energy	Electric/Gas	\$ 2,076.31	All Funds
Oriental Trading	Programming	\$ 51.57	Library
Peterson, Jeremie	Mulch for City Park	\$ 53.20	General
Petty Cash	Golf Cart Registration	\$ 200.00	General
Physicians Claim	Ambulance Billing	\$ 826.69	General
Plumb Supply	City Hall Water Fountain Repair Parts	\$ 67.33	General
Power Line Supply	Electric Materials	\$ 7,713.00	Electric
Premier Tech	Technology	\$ 60.00	Library
Rite Price	Office Supplies	\$ 1,165.29	General
Roling Ford	Repair Tire/Rim Police Interceptor	\$ 237.53	General
Robert's Printing Service	Golf Cart/UTV Registration Labels	\$ 738.10	General
Schulte, Peter	Utility Deposit Refund	\$ 3.19	UDR
Secretary of State	Notary Public Renewal	\$ 30.00	General
Snyder & Associates	Sidewalk Project	\$ 2,500.00	RUT
Spahn & Rose	Shop Materials	\$ 13.07	RUT
State Hygienic Lab	Water Analysis	\$ 236.00	Water
Stetson	Sidewalk Cast Iron Handicap Plate	\$ 663.36	RUT
Stryker Sales	Amb-Power Load Comp Upgrade	\$ 3,681.89	General
Test America	Water Analysis	\$ 700.75	Water/Sewer
US Cellular	Cell Phones	\$ 225.58	Gen/Sew
Utility Equipment Company	8" Valve Operating Wrench	\$ 101.23	Water
VanWert	Electric Materials	\$ 12.67	Electric
Verizon	Car Computer	\$ 160.04	General
Visa	Amb-Recognition Gifts	\$ 136.95	General
Wellmark BCBS	Employee Insurance	\$ 7,307.93	All Funds
		\$ 232,413.04	

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Motion Peterson, second Wikner to purchase for the Denver Police Department a Driver License Reader Kit and Electronic Signature Capture Pad from L-Tron Corporation in the amount of \$541.26 to use with the Iowa DOT TraCs Software. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to approve Resolution No. 9-2017 Pay Request #1 for Denver Underground & Grading Inc. in the amount of \$54,787.45 for work completed on the Schneider Street Improvement Project. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The Council requested the Denver Planning & Zoning Board to review all Building Permit Fees. They would like to have the fees associated with installing a water heater or water softener reviewed.

The Council referred the applications received for the Public Works Operator to the Public Works Committee of Councilman Richmann and Councilman Wikner.

In Other Business Councilman Richmann would like consideration of a Code of Conduct for employees and volunteers concerning the use of social media so they are aware not to represent the City of Denver in a negative way. Mayor Diercks thanked the Denver American Legion and Denver community for its support of the Denver Ambulance Service, they raised over \$1,900 at their breakfast for the Denver Ambulance Service. Mayor Diercks would like to have City Council members attend the next Denver Ambulance Service Meeting on April 25. The Denver Police Department will issue Golf Cart / UTV Permits on April 13, 20 & 27, 2017 between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Denver Police Department.

Motion Richmann, second Gustafson to adjourn. AYES: Gustafson, Peterson, Richmann, Scharnhorst, Wikner. NAYS: None. The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.