

The third meeting of January for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Saturday January 6, 2018 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council Members present were Gavin Carman, Sean Hartman, Mark Richmann and Joel Wikner. Councilman Jeremie Peterson was absent. There was no one in attendance.

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

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve the agenda. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Hartman, second Carman to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 Meeting #1. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Fire Chief Justin South presented the 2017 Annual Report for Fire Calls. There were 40 total Fire Calls for service in 2017 with a loss value of \$129,500 from a house & vehicle fire, this is the lowest amount of Fire Calls in 17 years, a normal year is around 56 Fire Calls. An average of nine volunteers responded to Fire Calls. The Denver Fire Department has new technology called I Am Responding and it tracks when the volunteer will be responding to the Fire Call. The 24 volunteer members of the Fire Department had 931 hours of training in 2017. The Fire Department held elections on January 5, 2018 and Justin South resigned as Fire Chief to have more time for his family and business but will remain on the Fire Department as a Fireman. The new Denver Fire Department Officers for 2018 are Fire Chief Todd Seelhammer, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Buss, Captain Chris Klinghammer, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Bill Westendorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Dave Leonhart, Treasurer Keith Oltrogge, Secretary James Knoll. Justin South next presented the Denver Fire Department Budget Request for FY 2019. The Fire Department is requesting to replace Fire Coats & Pants \$10,000, Building Maintenance to include wash & seal the concrete block \$5,000, Equipment \$14,000.

Larry Farley provided the following information for the FY 2019 City Budget to the City Council. Property Valuations used to calculate the Regular General Levy decreased by \$7,618,472 from the information provided by the Bremer County Auditor this was due to residential properties being re-valued which resulted in an overall increase in 100% values, but once the Residential Rollback order was received from the State of Iowa the taxable valuations decreased. The City of Denver also increased the amount of money requested for Urban Renewal (TIF) Projects.

**FY 2019 Budget Information**

**City of Denver Property Valuations/Tax Rate History**

Fiscal Year	Property Taxable Valuations	Debt Service	100% Valuations
FY 2018	\$57,533,738 (-11.69)	\$76,233,738	\$126,416,690
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 Needed to Retire TIF Bond Debt**

FY 2018	\$18,700,000	This is the amount of Property Values needed to pay TIF Debts in FY 2019
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 2018	\$5.81953	\$3.00375	\$0.27000	\$0.87272	\$6.96225
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 \$5.81953/\$1,000 and this generates \$379,155 in revenue.	56.9391%
FY2019 General Levy \$6.59013/\$1,000 and this generates \$379,155 in revenues	55.6209%

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

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

FY 2019 RUT Funding \$121.50/Capita \$216,270

Local Option Sales Tax Revenues are ahead of Budgeted Amount \$135,000 budgeted for Streets thru November we received \$58,612.70

Sewer L.O.S.T. Budgeted \$43,000 we have received \$19,537.54 thru November (Budgeted L.O.S.T. \$178,000 estimated revenue \$184,000 – increase to \$187,500 by June 30, 2018)

Larry Farley reviewed a list of Budget Questions with the Council concerning expenditure priorities for FY 2019 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%, for a Health Insurance Premium for Health Savings Account (HSA). Unemployment Insurance is based on Taxable Wages of up to \$29,900 and the rate is 0.001% or \$29.90/Year/Employee earning \$29,900 or more per year. IPERS Employer Rate Increase Present Rate is 8.93% July 1, 2018 Rate will be- 9.44% (0.51%) increase; Protection Class Members Present Rate is 9.84% July 1, 2018 – 10.21% (0.37%) increase.

The Police Department Budget to include \$12,500 for Police Car Reserve and \$1,000 to replace a Bullet Resistant Vest, No Part-Time Officers, Ammo \$500, Office Furniture \$2,500, Speed Trailer \$5,500. The Fire Department Budget will be the amount requested. The Denver Ambulance Service Budget will be the same as requested. Solid Waste Collection costs will increase to Black Hawk Waste Disposal by \$0.05/Household/Month July 1, 2018. The Denver Public Library Budget will increase by 3.00% for salaries and 4% over last year to keep up with technology. The Denver Park & Recreation Budget will include \$8,000 for Park & Recreation Equipment, Have Park & Recreation Board try GetMeRegistered.com for Park & Recreation Registration, keep mosquito spraying in the budget, keep

treating Ash trees in Public Areas. Update of City Webpage \$5,000 Human Service Agency Budget Requests NE Iowa Community Action \$1,335, Helping Services of Northeast Iowa \$1,000 Cedar Valley Friends of the Family \$500. Economic Development continue Facade Grant Program and keep Tax Abatement for new residential home construction. Street Projects Budget for 20% of South State Street Improvement Project, West Main Street Reconstruction between North State street and Transit Street and Transit Street between Hoover Street and Eagle Street. Include Engineering Services for possible Re-Design of South State Street. Storm Intake Replacement \$16,000, Street Department Equipment Wire Welder \$2,800, Jib Hoist \$4,200, no Cold Storage Building. The Water Department Budget should include replacing two fire hydrants for \$12,000, water rate increase for Water Tower Painting in 2019. The Sewer Department Budget will include \$3,000 for UV Bulbs for disinfection at the Sewer Plant, and increase wastewater analysis amount since the NPDES Permit issued by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Permit requires twice per week sampling; under the old NPDES Permit sampling was once per week. The Electric Department Budget will include a used Boom Truck at \$90,000, Electric System Upgrade from overhead to underground \$40,000, Pole Replacement \$40,000 and software updates to the ITRON Meter Reader \$2,000.

Motion Wikner, second Hartman to adjourn. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Council Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.