

The third meeting of February for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Tuesday February 3, 2020 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council Members present were Gavin Carman, Sean Hartman, Mark Richmann, Joel Wikner, Matt Wittenburg. There were two people in attendance.

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

Motion Richmann, second Wittenburg to Approve the Agenda. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Hartman, second Wikner to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2020 Special City Council Meeting. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Carman to approve the Minutes of February 3, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Motion Richmann, second Hartman to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Opened at 7:02 p.m.

During the Public Hearing Larry Farley explained this Public Hearing is a new requirement under Iowa Code Chapter 384.15A that the City Council conduct a Public Hearing on the General Fund Tax Rate and publish notice that shows the dollar amount change from last year's Regular General Levy City Budget and the percentage of increase or decrease. Denver Regular General Levy in FY 2020 was for \$376,980 from property taxes the proposed FY 2021 Regular General Levy is \$414,696, a 10% increase in requested revenue. This is misleading to the public because they do not pay their City Property Taxes based on the Regular General Levy. The City Property Tax Rate is based on the Total Tax Rate that includes the Regular General Levy (\$6.01789), Support Public Library Levy (\$0.27), Debt Service Levy (\$1.75013) all added together equals \$8.03802 and that is the rate used to calculate what a property owner pays in City Property Taxes. Using the Total Tax Rate would provide a better comparison for property owners. The Total Tax Rate for FY 2020 was \$7.96223 and for FY 2021 it is proposed to be \$8.03802 an increase of \$0.07579 or less than 1%. The Public Hearing Notice was published in the Denver Forum on February 5, 2020. There were no questions from the public during the Public Hearing and no written or verbal objections were received prior to the Public Hearing.

Motion Carman, second Wittenburg to Close the Public Hearing and Re-Open the Regular Meeting regarding the Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was Closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve Resolution No. 10-2020 Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Amber Heller was present to introduce herself as the new Ambulance Crew Chief. Amber provided a copy of the updated Ambulance Crew and presently there are twenty volunteer crew members. Amber shared her 2020 Goals for the Denver Ambulance Service that includes getting more involved in the

community and businesses, retain Crew Members, develop a mentorship program with the High School to get more youth involved with medicine, Lifeguard Training.

Motion Hartman, second Carman to approve the Denver Ambulance Crew Members for 2020. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve a \$1.00/ hour pay raise for Brent Platte effective February 6, 2020. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Hartman, second Wittenburg to approve Resolution No. 11-2020 to purchase 50 Blue Recycling Carts from B & G Sales of Grand Rapids Inc. in the amount of \$2,865. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

The Council discussed future plans for the Electric Department regarding staffing, mapping, budgeting and their effect on electric rates.

Motion Richmann, second Hartman to approve Resolution No. 12-2020 to Set Date for a Public Hearing on March 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to Consider Adopting the FY 2021 City Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Carman, second Richmann to approve Resolution No. 13-2020 GPS Mapping of Electric Distribution System with DGR Engineering in the amount of \$20,800. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Hartman to approve Resolution No. 14-2020 H Structure Engineering Services with DGR Engineering in the amount of \$16,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Hartman, second Wikner to approve Resolution No. 15-2020 Electric Distribution System Analysis with DGR Engineering in the amount of \$9,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Wittenburg to approve Resolution No. 16-2020 Arc Flash Assessment with DGR Engineering in the amount of \$8,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve an Agreement with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska to create a Financial Plan and Rate Design Study for Electric Rates. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

In Other Business Councilman Hartman Congratulated the Denver Wrestling Team on their successful season on making it to the State Duel Wrestling Tournament and Congratulated four individual wrestlers on making it to the State Wrestling Tournament.

Motion Carman, second Hartman to adjourn. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Revenues for the Month of January 2020

General Fund	\$ 31,319.40
Library Savings Fund	\$ 2.32
Road Use Fund	\$ 24,228.30
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 15,855.79
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 3,135.97
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,260.87
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 20,306.11
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 46,055.50
Electric Utility Fund	\$163,649.99
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 750.00
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,609.42</u>
Total	\$309,173.67

Expenditures for the Month of January 2020

General Fund	\$ 87,779.88
Library Savings Fund	\$ 0.00
Road Use Fund	\$ 90,742.99
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 0.00
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 0.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 21,173.68
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 18,667.61
Electric Utility Fund	\$118,203.53
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 936.85
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total	\$337,504.54

 Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.