

The third meeting of January for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday January 18, 2021 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council Members present were Gavin Carman, Sean Hartman, Mark Richmann, Joel Wikner. Councilman Matt Wittenburg was absent. There was one person in attendance and three people on Zoom Video.

Mayor Diercks called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.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 9, 2021. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Margie Hopper from gWorks was on Zoom and presented information on their software that allows Direct Deposit for Payroll and software called Frontdesk. The cost for Direct Deposit for Payroll is a one-time fee of \$1,300 and annual fee of \$360/year. Frontdesk allows for utility customers online bill pay, provide online customer utility billing history and allows citizens to download forms. The cost of Frontdesk is \$2,160/year for up to 300 Public Users, plus \$3,000 one-time fee for Onboarding, cost to build the website is \$3,000 Onboarding Fee and the website Annual Fee is \$600/year.

Motion Richmann, second Hartman to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing to consider the one bid received to dispose of Public Property located at 400 Iowa Street, Denver, Iowa. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m.

During the Public Hearing Larry Farley informed the Council that one bid was received on January 14, 2021 from Jim & Sheryl Moeller in the amount of \$744.60 for the 4' x 168' and a total of 668 square feet legally described piece of property that is part of Brandt Park. Jim Moeller was present and explained that purchasing this property would allow him to square up his property line. There were no further questions.

Motion Richmann, second Carman to Close the Public Hearing and consideration of the and bid received to dispose of Public Property located at 400 Iowa Street and Re-Open the Regular City Council Meeting. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

Motion Hartman, second Wikner to approve Resolution No. 2-2021 Acceptance of Bid received from Jim & Sheryl Moeller to dispose of legally described property located at 400 Iowa Street in the amount of \$744.60 and the Council further directs the completion of the paperwork needed to execute the sale of the property. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve Resolution No. 3-2021 to approve the Plat of Survey of Parcel J in the Auditor's Plat of the NW ¼ - SW ¼ of Section 24 – T91N-R13W, City of Denver, Iowa, Bremer County, Iowa. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

There were two representatives from Butler Bremer Communications on Zoom Video. Brad Schmitt informed the Council that Butler Bremer Communications were moving forward with plans to provide the City of Denver with internet, cable television and telephone services. Brad Schmitt is requesting consideration of a Long-Term Lease for Butler Bremer Communications to construct a Control Building near the Water Tower. Butler Bremer Communications plans to construct a Fiber Optic System within the City of Denver with a fiber to the home system they will need to construct a 12' x 20' Control Building that is similar to cell tower building. The building would be on a floating pad. Their preferred location for the Control Building would be at Diercks Park near the Park & Recreation Storage Shed. They plan on beginning the project this Spring. The City would receive free internet to all city facilities.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to move forward with preparing a Long-Term Lease between the City of Denver and Butler Bremer Communications for placing a Control Building on City-Owned Property at Diercks Park. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The Council reviewed the Final Draft of the Golf Cart Ordinance and the Utility Terrain Vehicle Ordinance and directed they be sent to the City Attorney for final review.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to approve a Class C Liquor License for Red White and Brew LLC d/b/a Whiskey Junction. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The City reviewed FFCRA for Employee Sick Leave that was not extended by the most recent pandemic relief package. However, the tax credits were extended through March 31, 2021. This means that after December 31, 2020, employers will not be required to provide paid leave under the FFCRA. However, covered employers who voluntarily offer such leave may still utilize payroll tax credits to cover the cost of the benefits paid to employees through March 31, 2021.

Motion Carman, second Richmann to approve the City of Denver extending Employee Sick Leave for up to a maximum of 80 hours if they test positive for COVID-19 until such time a vaccine is made available; if the employee refuses the vaccine and they test positive COVID-19 they will be required to use their accumulated Sick Leave; this option terminates on March 31, 2021. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to approve purchasing Electric Materials from three vendors for the Iowa Street Overhead to Underground Conversion in the amount of \$28,261. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None.

In Other Business Councilman Richmann felt the City needs to start calling Snow Emergencies for any measurable snow over 2" since there were numerous cars left parked on the streets after the last snow storm. The Council requested Nuisance Letters be sent out to two property owners.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to adjourn. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner. NAYS: None. The City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

**Revenues for the Month of December 2020**

General Fund	\$ 75,543.03
Library Savings Fund	\$ 2.28
Road Use Fund	\$ 21,854.26
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 18,082.74
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 14,728.36
Debt Service Fund	\$ 5,850.87
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 20,254.12
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 47,552.64
Electric Utility Fund	\$138,296.10
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 537.02
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 2,700.66</u>
Total	\$345,402.08

**Expenditures for the Month of December 2020**

General Fund	\$ 95,046.09
Library Savings Fund	\$ 0.00
Road Use Fund	\$ 56,775.64
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 0.00
Tax Increment Financing Fund	\$ 429.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 51,606.47
Permanent Fund	\$ 0.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 13,356.29
Sanitary Sewer Fund	\$ 14,718.01
Electric Utility Fund	\$228,422.45
Electric Utility Deposit Fund	\$ 1,263.00
Storm Water Utility Fund	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
Total	\$461,619.95

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Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.