

The first meeting of March for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday March 1, 2021 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council Members present were Gavin Carman, Sean Hartman, Mark Richmann, Joel Wikner and Matt Wittenburg. There were two people in attendance and one person on Zoom.

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

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

Motion Hartman, second Wittenburg to approve the minutes of February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

There was no Public Forum.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing concerning the Proposed City Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:01 p.m.

During the Public Hearing City Administrator Larry Farley informed the Council that no written or verbal comments were received regarding the FY 2022 City Budget. Larry Farley explained the Proposed Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2022 will be \$5.96615/\$1,000 and will generate \$435,451 in property tax revenue for the General Fund. The Support Public Library Tax Rate of \$0.27/\$1,000 levy will generate \$19,707. The Ag Land Tax Rate of \$3.00375/\$1,000 will generate \$1,069. The Debt Service Rate of \$1.72977/\$1,000 will generate \$145,957. The Total Property Tax Rate of \$7.96592/\$1,000 will generate \$602,184 in property tax revenues. There were no further question or comments.

Motion Richmann, second Hartman to Close the Public Hearing concerning the City Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 and Re-Open the Regular City Council Meeting. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

Motion Carman, second Wikner to approve Resolution No. 14-2021 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 City Budget. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Hartman, second Richmann to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Public Hearing concerning the consideration to Approve a 20 Year Lease Agreement between the City of Denver and Butler-Bremer Communications to Construct a Control Building at Diercks Park. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing Opened at 7:10 p.m.

During the Public Hearing Brad Schmitt, Outside Plant Manager and Andrea Hansen, Accountant/General Manager effective July 1, 2021 representing Butler-Bremer Communications explained the Denver Telecommunications Project and Control Building to the Council. The only utility services to the Control Building will be electric and natural gas. They would like to begin construction on April 1, 2021 on the Control Building. The air conditioning units would be on the East side of the building. In exchange for the use of property at Diercks Park the City will receive over the next 20 Years Phone/Internet/Television at the City Hall/Library, E.M.S. Building and Public Works Building and Phone and Internet at all the Sewer Lift Stations including the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Huntel Engineering is working on designing the system. Brad Schmitt had color samples of the Split-Face Stone Block the Plum Color Stone matched the color of the Water Tower. All residents were mailed out the information and are asked

to return the form that would allow the contractor to install a fiber optic cable up to their house at no charge. If a customer would like to connect their home and received services from Butler-Bremer Communications there is a \$90 Service Charge for a Two-Year commitment if they connect when service is available. If the customer waits to connect service and their contractors leave town there will be a \$1,000 Service Charge to connect their home. Homeowners and Businesses are encouraged to return the Line Installation Permission Agreement as soon as possible and anyone with questions should call the Butler-Bremer Communications Office at 319-276-4458.

Motion Carman, second Wikner to Close the Public Hearing concerning the 20 Year Lease agreement between the City of Denver and Butler-Bremer Communications to Construct a Control Building at Diercks Park and Re-Open the Regular City Council Meeting. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:23 p.m.

Motion Richmann, second Hartman to approve Resolution No. 14-2021 approving a 20 Year Lease Agreement between the City of Denver and Butler-Bremer Communications to Construct a Control Building at Diercks Park and Re-Open the Regular City Council Meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Wittenburg to approve spending up to \$2,000 to have the Butler-Bremer Communications Control Building Maroon in color instead of Gray. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Pam Wolter was on Zoom Video to discuss Earth Week in Denver. Pam explained that she would like to have Denver designate a full week for Earth Week so families can feel empowered to pick up trash and sticks around their house, neighborhood and in a park. Pam has garbage bags that will be available at the Denver Public Library. The week-long event will be April 18-24, 2021. The Council gave Pam Wolter the approval to move ahead with her Earth Week activities.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 1-2021 Repealing the Entire Chapter 10.51 Titled Golf Cart and Utility Trail Vehicles and Replacing it with a New Ordinance Entitled Golf Carts of the Denver City Code in the City of Denver, Iowa. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Wittenburg to approve the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2-2021 an Ordinance Creating a New Chapter 10.55 Titled Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) of the Denver City Code in the City of Denver, Iowa. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to approve the Bills Presented for Payment for March 1, 2021. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Bills Presented for Payment for March 1, 2021

ACES	Platinum TLC & Backup	\$	918.25	General
AECOM	Engineering Services	\$	22,554.27	RUT
AFLAC	Employee Insurance	\$	579.66	All Funds
Alex Graham	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$	75.00	CCR
Allen Occupational Health	Drug Test & Physical	\$	137.00	Electric
Axon Enterprise	Taser Supplies	\$	400.15	General

Baker & Taylor	Books	\$	391.72	Library
Black Hawk Rental	Snow Push on Tractor	\$	345.00	RUT
Black Hawk Waste	Feb Garbage	\$	8,933.00	General
BMC	Concrete Sand	\$	388.77	RUT
Bound Tree	Amb-Patient Care	\$	196.05	General
Brothers Market	Utility Refund & Supplies	\$	2,797.06	All Funds
Bruce Thurm	Rebate	\$	50.00	Electric
Campbell Supply	Sewer Materials	\$	559.90	Sewer
Cenage Learning	Books	\$	64.37	Library
Center Point Large Print	Books	\$	44.34	Library
City Laundering	Mats	\$	253.29	General
CJ Cooper	Drug Testing Fees	\$	85.00	RUT
Courtney Williams	Utility Deposit Refund	\$	250.00	UDR
Crexendo	Telephone	\$	354.19	All Funds
Davik's Auto Body	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	353.00	General
Davis Farm & Auto	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	3,582.31	Gen/RUT
Demco	Misc. Supplies	\$	104.26	Library
Denver Ambulance	Amb-Training	\$	395.00	General
Denver Drug	Amb-Medical Supplies	\$	20.32	General
Denver Forum	Jan & Feb Publications	\$	1,154.81	General
Denver Postmaster	Feb. Billing & postage	\$	501.49	Elec/Lib
Denver Underground	Watermain Repair	\$	2,169.50	RUT
DGR Engineering	Iowa Street Electric Engineering	\$	5,009.50	RUT
EFTPS	FICA Withholding	\$	7,154.58	All Funds
Emergency Services	Amb-Renewal	\$	660.00	General
Engineered Operation	Lamps	\$	5,052.87	Sewer
Esri, Inc	ArcGIS Renewal	\$	500.00	Elec/Sewer/Water
Eurofins	Water/Wastewater Analysis	\$	857.50	Sewer
Farmers Win	Propane	\$	1,678.39	Sewer
Gardner Media	Books	\$	126.38	Library
Health Equity	HRA & HSA	\$	2,545.57	All Funds
ICMA-RC	Retirement Contributions	\$	1,500.00	Electric
Ingram	Books	\$	255.96	Library
Iowa Assn. Of Municipal Util.	Membership Dues	\$	4,557.00	Electric
Iowa Fluid Power	Electric Material	\$	92.87	Electric
Iowa Insurance Division	Cemetery Filing Fee	\$	16.00	Cemetery
Iowa Sports Center	Uniforms	\$	579.00	General
Iowa Utility Board	Assessment	\$	159.00	Electric
IPERS	Retirement Contributions	\$	8,797.53	All Funds
Kieck's	Bullet Resistant Vest	\$	1,050.00	General
Kirkwood	Amb-Training	\$	43.00	General
Klocke's Emergency Vehicle	Ambulance Maintenance	\$	216.09	General
Kwik Star	Amb-Gas	\$	157.04	General

Larry Farley	Mileage	\$	38.08	RUT/Sew
LTD Broadband	Internet - Sewer	\$	65.00	Sewer
McMaster Carr	Vehicle Maintenance	\$	505.68	RUT
MEAN	Wholesale	\$	97,508.25	Electric
Mercy One	Amb-Patient Care	\$	557.19	General
MicroMarketing	Books Videos	\$	375.75	Library
MidAmerican Books	Books	\$	165.60	Library
Midamerican Energy	Electric	\$	3,155.55	Electric
Norma Evans	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$	75.00	CCR
Oriental Trading	Programming	\$	61.52	Library
PCC	Amb-Jan Billing	\$	967.19	General
Petty Cash	P&R Registration	\$	50.00	General
Polk's Lock Service	Plow Truck	\$	85.00	RUT
Premier Technology	Technology	\$	60.00	Library
Resco	Electric Material	\$	2,412.50	Electric
Ryan Exterminating	Pest Control	\$	110.00	Amb/Fire
Sheila Jessen	Community Room Deposit Refund	\$	75.00	CCR
Steven Fuller	Amb-Training	\$	100.00	General
Storey Kenworth	Office Supplies	\$	781.90	General
The Book Farm	Books	\$	488.82	Library
The Hartford	Employee Life & Disability	\$	331.35	All Funds
Treasurer State of Iowa	Iowa Withholding Tax	\$	2,296.00	All Funds
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales Tax Reimbursement	\$	3,400.00	Elec/Sew
Treasurer State of Iowa	Water Excise Tax	\$	995.00	Water
Trees Forever	Denver Bird Friendly	\$	100.00	General
US Cellular	Cell Phones	\$	639.92	Gen/Sew
Utility Equipment	Sewer Materials	\$	698.64	Sewer
Verizon	Car Computer	\$	160.04	General
Wages-Variou Persons	February Wages	\$	41,599.44	All Funds
Water Environment	Membership Dues	\$	95.00	Water
Wellmark	Employee Health Insurance	\$	6,029.76	All Funds
Wertjes Uniforms	Uniforms	\$	1,175.93	General
Westrum Leak Detection	Water Main Leak	\$	692.50	Water
Young Plumbing & Heating	Maintenance	\$	1,577.40	General
Total		\$	256,095.00	

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Motion Richmann, second Hartman to approve Resolution No. 15-2021 Fairview Cemetery Mowing Agreement with Brett McMahon. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Carman, second Richmann to approve advertising the Public Works Operator Position Announcement. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Motion Richmann, second Wikner to approve purchasing the gWorks Frontdesk Subscription for online utility bill payment, utility bill history and a new City of Denver Webpage in the amount of \$8,260. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None.

Larry Farley reviewed the Iowa Street Electric Project with the Council. Dennis Haselhoff will be on Zoom for our March 15, 2021 City Council Meeting and will be presenting the Plans and Specifications for the project. The electric primary wires and transformers and street lights are planned to be installed on the North Side of Iowa Street. The City will be purchasing the materials except for the red conduit and rubber goods.

In Other Business Councilman Hartman asked if the City will need to be preparing electric customers for a spike in energy costs related to the Texas Power Outages, he has seen neighboring communities passing along the increased costs for energy during the extended extremely cold weather in February. Larry Farley was not aware of any increased costs from its electrical supplier the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. Councilman Wittenburg and the City Council congratulated all the High school and AAU Pee-Wee-Pre K, AAU Grades 3-8 Wrestling and Boys and Girls Basketball Teams on their great winter sports season.

Motion Wikner, second Richmann to adjourn. AYES: Carman, Hartman, Richmann, Wikner, Wittenburg. NAYS: None. The City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Rod Diercks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.