

The second meeting of December for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday December 18, 2006 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present for Roll Call were Rod Diercks, Lyle Faust, Dave Larson, Jeremie Peterson and Joel Wikner.

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

Motion Diercks, second Larson to approve the agenda. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Faust, second Wikner to approve the minutes of December 4, 2006. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

During Public Forum John Silber requested to speak on the proposed voluntary annexation. Mayor Isaacson informed Mr. Silber that topic would be discussed under agenda item #12.

Motion Faust, second Diercks to close the Regular Meeting and open the Public Hearing to consider Marilyn Mueller rezoning request to reclassify her legally described property from U-1 Unclassified and M-1 Light Industrial to C-1 Commercial & U-1 Unclassified. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m.

During the Public Hearing Marilyn Mueller is requesting the rezoning of her property in order to apply for a Building Permit to construct a garage on her property. Marilyn Mueller's house and machine shed is presently zoned M-1 Light Industrial Classification that does not allow her to construct a new garage. A portion of the U-1 Unclassified will remain U-1 Unclassified. The Denver Planning & Zoning approved the rezoning for Marilyn Mueller as presented tonight at its December 11, 2006 meeting.

Motion Peterson, second Wikner to close the Public Hearing and Re-Open the Regular Meeting. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion Diercks, second Faust approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 6-2006 to rezone certain legally described real estate within the City of Denver from U-1 Unclassified & M-1 Light Industrial to C-1 Commercial & U-1 Unclassified. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Diercks, second Faust approve the Second & Third Reading of Ordinance No. 6-2006 to rezone certain legally described real estate within the City of Denver from U-1 Unclassified & M-1 Light Industrial to C-1 Commercial & U-1 Unclassified. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Jeremie Happel requested the Council to consider allowing snowmobiles to be operated for 24 hours a day in Denver along the snowmobile route. The reason is that Denver has a gas station that is open for 24 hours a day while many of the surrounding community's gas stations close by midnight. The present Ordinance allows for snowmobiles to be operated between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The snowmobile route in and out of town will not be changed. Mayor Isaacson will talk to the residents living along the snowmobile route by next meeting. The

Council requested an Ordinance be prepared to allow snowmobile operation in Denver to 24 hours per day.

Public Works Director Jim Scharnhorst reported snow removal equipment is ready when we receive snow, performing equipment maintenance, cleaning storm intakes and completed street sweeping.

Police Chief Gary Everding presented the November Police Report. There were 289 calls for service during the month with 102 traffic citations.

Electric Superintendent Larry Zars has been working on replacing the primary wires into the east part of the elderly housing units, new interduct into the west transformer. The have to be terminated and a short power outage will have to be scheduled with the residents and favorable weather. Installed metering for the Denver American Legion Tribute. Line inspections are schedule for and commencing of tree trimming in January. The estimated cost to install new poles and wires on Fayette Street is \$248,500. The project proposed would consist of replacing wood poles with 50 new steel poles and using the Hendrix Cable System. Fiberglas poles would add another \$10,000. Street lighting for the Schumacher 3rd Addition would require 12 street lights, two of the poles would be 39 foot steel poles to match the poles already in use along State Street and ten 25 foot poles at intersection locations with 100 watt high pressure sodium fixtures. The estimated cost of the project for poles, fixtures and wire is \$13,800. The price will be higher if decorative poles are used.

The Council discussed voluntary annexation with property owners living along Larrabee Avenue. Nine of the eleven property owners are in favor of the proposed voluntary annexation. John Silber is adamantly opposed to the voluntary annexation since he feels he would not be gaining anything from being annexed. Mr. Silber commented that he has maintained that road into the houses that live next to him for many years and that there is a good foot of rock under that road. He would like to have a street light and his driveway selected. Kurt Pedersen would like to have streetlights. Residents also wondered how much their water service lines would cost in addition to the connection fee. The Council is willing to install streetlights and improve the driveways with a seal coat surface if all property owners are willing to voluntarily annex to Denver. Larry Farley suggested that if all property owners agreed to be annexed and the connection was set at \$2,500 would they agreeable to the voluntary annexation. Mr. Silber would be agreeable to the voluntary annexation with a \$2,500 water connection fee. The Council will review the infrastructure costs one final time to see if any additional cost saving can be found and then make a decision to move forward.

Motion Larson, second Peterson to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance No. 4-2006 Amending Section 10.40.020 of the Denver City Code – 20 mph Speed Zones. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Motion Faust, second Wikner to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 5-2006 Amending Section 9.10.20 of the Denver City Code – Loud Car Stereos. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

Mayor Isaacson is recommending the appointment of Terry Mikkelsen to the Denver Library Board of Trustees. The Council endorsed the appointment of Terry Mikkelson to the Denver Library Board of Trustees.

Motion Diercks, second Peterson to approve Resolution No. 61-2006 appropriation transfer between funds for Fiscal Year 2007. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None.

The Council reviewed the proposed meeting schedule for the FY 2008 City Budget. The Council was in agreement to use this schedule. Councilman Peterson will miss the January 2, 2007 meeting due to work obligations.

In Other Business the Council requested a fence be constructed around the recycling dumpsters at the end of Main Street to prevent the material from blowing around. Councilman Faust was interested in looking into the I.A.M.U. proposed Wind Generation Project. The Council will review engineer Bob Bamsey's letter to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources concerning a sewer plant study and project schedule.

Motion Faust, second Larson to adjourn. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Wikner. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mike Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.