

The second meeting of March for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday March 21, 2005 at the Denver City Hall Council Chambers. Council members present were Terry Dehmlow, Rod Diercks, Lyle Faust, Mike Isaacson and Sara Oltrogge.

Mayor Moeller called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Motion Isaacson, second Faust to approve the agenda. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Motion Isaacson, second Faust to approve the minutes of March 7, 2005. AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

The Council met with the Dike City Council to discuss Electric Utility Operations. Dike Council members in attendance were Jim Boike and Stan Van Hauen. Carroll Schlemmer the City of Dike electrical consultant and City Electrician Larry Zars. Dike purchases its wholesale power from the Resale Power Group of Iowa (RPGI). They experienced a 55% rate increase at their last renewal. Electric rates were increased and will now increase by 2% to 5% each year depending upon the fuel adjustment calculated monthly. Dike was spending \$75,000 each year on peak power. This level of expenditure led them to consider purchasing their own generator to meet its peak power requirements. Dike arranged financing through Ruan Securities and used SEH Consulting Engineers to analyze the feasibility of purchasing their own electrical generation. Instead of paying \$75,000 to RPGI for its annual peak capacity needs Dike would purchase a generation unit itself and pay debt service on the unit for a fifteen-year period. Dike sold \$1.2 million dollars of Revenue Bonds and divided entire electric system into three sections. The new generator is scheduled to go online by June 0f 2005. The Superintendent of Public Works will operate and maintain the engine. Jim Boike informed the Council that the party was over as far as low electric rates were concerned. Customers on the City of Dike's electric system pay over .10 cents per kilowatt and higher each month depending upon the fuel adjustment. Mr. Boike's top three reasons for investing and owning their own generators were 1. Financial, 2. Financial, 3 Financial. Mr. Boike and Mr. Van Hauen advised the Council to listen to their consultant, increase electric rates every year in order to avoid huge increases, and to purchase the extended engine warranty. Mayor Moeller and all the Council members thanked the Dike City Councilman Boike and Van Hauen for sharing their information and taking the time to come to Denver this evening.

Motion Isaacson, second Diercks to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1-2005 the Denver Subdivision Ordinance. During discussion and before taking the vote Councilman Dehmlow felt the minimum street width of 40 feet is to wide and prefers a 36-foot minimum street width. Doug Bird sent letters to all Denver Planning & Zoning Board members and they preferred the 40 feet minimum street width. AYES: None. NAYS: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Motion Dehmlow, second Isaacson to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1-2005 the Denver Subdivision Ordinance with one change for the minimum street width for service streets to be 36 feet. AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Motion Isaacson, second Diercks to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2-2005 adding a new section to the Denver Municipal Code a Municipal Infraction Ordinance. AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Greg Westendorf from Don's Truck was present to inform the Council that he has resolved any questions on the price of a new 2005 Ford ¾ ton pickup. Mr. Westendorf informed the Council that no government fuel efficiency ratings exist on this size of truck. His experience has been no difference in fuel mileage between the V-8 engine and the V-10 engine unless your doing highway driving then you may experience a 2-mile per gallon difference. If purchase were approved then delivery would be in June 2005.

Motion Isaacson, second Faust to approve Resolution No. 10-2005 to purchase a 2005 Ford Pickup Truck and utility box from Don's Truck in Fairbank in the amount of \$25,807. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Motion Diercks, second Oltrogge to approve Resolution No. 11-2005 to lease/purchase a Toro 228D Front Mount Riding Lawn Mower from Tri-State Company in the amount of \$13,913. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Motion Dehmlow, second Faust to approve Resolution No. 13-2005 to approve Advanced Technologies perform asbestos testing and inspection of the former Denver City Hall and Public Works Building in the amount of \$450. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

Motion Isaacson, second Dehmlow to approve Resolution No. 14-2005 for Speicher Excavating Inc. of Fredericksburg, Iowa to demolish and dispose of the Old City Hall building in the amount of \$13,550.98. ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None.

The Council discussed having Larry Farley attend the American Public Power Association Annual Conference in Anaheim, California at a cost of \$1,872. Motion Oltrogge, second Faust to approve request to attend the 2005 APPA Annual Conference. AYES: Faust, Oltrogge. NAYS: Dehmlow, Diercks, Isaacson.

In Other Business Jan Davis plans on resigning her position as Deputy City Clerk. The Council authorized the position to be advertised. The hourly rate for the position would be between \$10 and \$12 per hour. Councilman Isaacson informed the Council that the letter carriers would be having a food drive on May 14, 2005. Councilman Faust felt it was time again to flush the water mains.

Motion Dehmlow, second Isaacson to adjourn. AYES: Dehmlow, Diercks, Faust, Isaacson, Oltrogge. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Jim Moeller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.