

The third meeting of September for the Denver City Council, Bremer County, Iowa was held on Monday September 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 Jeff Rieckenberg.

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

This was a Special Meeting of the Denver City Council to present the Denver Street Improvement Plan for FY 2007-2013. There were approximately twenty citizens in attendance.

Mayor Isaacson opened the meeting by explaining the Council was here tonight to receive comments from the public concerning the proposed Seven Year Street Improvement Plan. Councilman Diercks told everyone that he would like to see Denver live up to its reputation of being the Cleanest Little City in Iowa. He also felt it was time to present a plan for improving streets instead of a piecemeal approach. City Administrator Larry Farley explained the different sections of town and the year the streets would be improved in each zone. Other information provided in his opening comments included the estimated costs for sidewalk removal and replacement and driveway removal and replacement is \$4.22/square foot and is to be paid 100% by the property owner. Curb & gutter removal and replacement is estimated to cost \$24/lineal foot and the property owner will pay 50% of the cost and the City of Denver pays 50% of the cost. The proposed plan being presented calls for \$500,000 to be spent in each of the next seven years for street improvement. The expenditure amount may vary in some years of the plan depending on street conditions at the time and city finances.

Sam Smith was concerned about having to pay for the curb & gutter in front of his home since contractors at the Denver Elementary School a few years back damaged his curb & gutter. Mr. Smith has pictures of the damage and will try to find them. Richard Bales was concerned about how water curb boxes would be protected if they are located in the sidewalk. Austin Lorenzen was concerned about how doing this amount of street work and the associated costs could impact the funding of a pool. Mr. Lorenzen wanted to know if he could do his own curb & gutter and sidewalk work or if it had to be completed by the contractor. Larry Farley discouraged homeowners from doing this type of work especially on corner lots since sidewalks at all intersections will be handicapped accessible and to ensure proper street grade elevations.

Other questions from the public included whether the work on Fayette Street would be done during the school year or during the summer, how the detour route around Fayette Street would be arranged, how many trees would be removed along Fayette Street, what the depth of asphalt will be on Fayette Street, will the street sub-grade be tiled. Other suggestions from the public included placing weight restriction on Fayette Street, creating an engine brake ordinance and moving the stop lights to the intersection of Fayette Street and Farrington Street.

Terry Dehmlow asked how much the street improvements would add to property taxes. Larry Farley explained the projected debt service levy for each of the next seventeen years if the city sold \$500,000 of General Obligation Bonds in each of the next seven years. Larry Farley read projected future debt service levies. Debt Service Levy would be as follows: FY 08 \$1.91, FY09 \$3.28, FY10 \$4.20, FY11 \$5.37, FY12 \$5.57, FY13 \$6.67, FY14 \$7.30, FY 15 \$7.08, FY16 \$6.86, FY17 \$6.72, FY8 \$6.49, FY19 \$5.27, FY20 \$4.13, FY21 \$3.00, FY22 1.97, FY23 \$0.94. Terry Dehmlow is concerned about increasing property taxes by \$6-7/\$1,000. He asked if the Council was aware of how much this would cost property tax payers. The Council responded that

they were aware of the amount of debt service needed to make the street improvements. Councilman Peterson felt the street plan allows the city to spread street repairs and improvements over time rather than upgrading all the streets at one time. Austin Lorenzen asked the Council felt fixing the streets was the best way the city could beautify Denver. Council members felt having good streets was important to making Denver more attractive.

Motion Larson, second Rieckenberg to adjourn. AYES: Diercks, Faust, Larson, Peterson, Rieckenberg. NAYS: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mike Isaacson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Larry Farley, City Clerk/Admin.