

CITY OF DEWITT
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 31, 2022

The special meeting of the DeWitt City Council was held on January 31, 2022. Mayor Steve Hasenmiller presiding. Council members present Smith, Chrones, Marcus, Ketelsen, Goldensohn. The City council meeting will also be open to the public electronically to join zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85240501579?pwd=amNjWThlcDY3dVIGSU5HdGRndnNOQT09>
Meeting ID: 852 4050 1579 Passcode: 646533

Budget Workshop. Steve stated sample agreement with Camanche-DeWitt Coalition, sample update to volunteer recognition program and a letter from Armand Filer were included in the packet of materials. General fund budget discussion was resumed where we left off. Library revenues are changing slightly due to change in price for copies and private donation of \$5,000/year for 5 years towards teen/adult programming. Library budget includes additional hours to allow for Sunday hours. Book and programming expenses from general are increasing while subscriptions, DVD and video games are decreasing due to streaming. The library county reserve funds will be depleted next year. Parks department budget includes \$2,500 for repairs to trail at Ashindel Park and \$4,000 for new waste cans. Recreation department expenses include \$4,000 to add electric to the storage shed (garage moved from Kirby property). Aquatic center revenues are budgeted expecting a normal season. Revenues do include a \$35,000 donation expected for use for the aquatic center. Part of this donation is budgeted to cover painting/resurfacing the slides. Also included in the aquatic center budget is backflow preventor and wall caps. Cemetery budget includes new industrial mower. Community center budget includes \$5,500 for new ADA compliant sinks. This expense will be covered from ADA set aside. Fitness center budget includes \$10,000 of exercise equipment as needed. DCDC request is for \$61,250 which is more than current year. Planning & zoning budget includes \$10,000 in both revenue and expense in potential engineering fees. City administrator budget includes agenda/meeting management software. City council budget includes a texting system that can help alert citizens of items such as utility issues, garbage delays and many other items. City attorney has requested an increase in monthly minimum fee. Steve is to look into what other cities pay and how many hours are typical per month for what they are paying. City hall budget includes renewal of 2 year server backup contract, update to city website and some basement shelving. Council discussed paying for \$15,000 new dress fire department uniforms out of the uniform reserve. The set aside for future fire apparatus was decreased from \$150,000 request to \$90,000. Council decided to increase DCDC payment by half (\$4,500) of what was asked for. The set asides requested for playground reserve and ball diamond lights reserve will not come from unreserved general but the Anderson donation of \$68,289 will be split into these two reserves.

Chrones moved to adjourn 7:17 p.m.

Steve Hasenmiller, Mayor

Deanna Rekemeyer, acting City Clerk