

CITY OF DEWITT  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the DeWitt City Council was held on February 1, 2010 in the City Hall council chambers. Mayor Donald J. Thiltgen presiding. Council members present Ketelsen, Marcus, Scheckel, Dunkin, Hasenmiller. Scheckel moved and Hasenmiller seconded to approve beer permit renewals for Happy Joe's, Mac's Express Stop, MJ's East, and Columbia Club, liquor license renewal for Barnes Foodland and minutes and bills as follows:

3E ELECTRICAL ENGINEE	REPL LOW FUEL SENSOR-GENERA	648.00
ACCO UNLIMITED CORP.	JANUARY PROGRAM FEE	269.70
ADVANCED BUSINESS SYS	COPIER MAINT CONTRACT	123.26
ALLIANT/IES UTILITIES	IND DR SEWER LIFT UTILITIES	22,001.88
ALLIED GROUP INSURANCE	ALLIED HEALTH	498.55
ANDERSON SAND & GRAVEL	CEMENT SAND	1,286.90
AVESIS	VISION INSURANCE	332.36
BAKER & TAYLOR INC.	BOOK	4,864.45
BANKERS TRUST	ROAD USE REVENUE BOND	12,152.34
BARNES FOODLAND	PAPER TOWELS	52.69
BOOKLIST	PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION- 1 YR	99.50
BROWN TRAFFIC PROD INC	YELLOW LED LIGHT	80.00
CARRIAGE PAPER PROD CO	INK CARTRIDGES	221.88
CITY OF DEWITT	WATER BILL	175.00
CLINTON AREA CHAM OF CO	SUPPORT FOR DES MOINES/DC TRIP	250.00
COMMERCIAL PRINTERS	OVERDUE REMINDER CARDS	24.80
CONNIE TARCHINSKI	GET FIT DEWITT	10.00
CYNTHIA HOKER	HOTEL, MEALS-MODULE D TRAINING	84.10
DAVE PILLARS TRUST ACCT	GARNISHMENT	250.00
DEMCO MEDIA	PRESSURE SENSITIVE SHIPPING LA	47.23
DEWITT AQUATIC CENTER	AQUATIC RENTAL-SUMMER READING	75.00
DEWITT FIRE DEPARTMENT	RODS	0.54-
DEWITT FITNESS CENTER	FITNESS DUES	886.50
DONNA CARLYLE	MILEAGE-CPR/FIRST AID	36.67
D CRUCIANI/POLICE BARGA	POLICE UNION DUES	240.00
ECIA	2008 HOAP GEN/REHAB ADMIN	6,466.64
FARM PLAN	ELBOW FITTING	10.25
FASTENAL COMPANY	CUTTING EDGE BOLTS	178.57
FAYE VOSS/PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH REIMBURSEMENT	126.89
FIRST CENTRAL STATE	1ST CENTRAL LOAN	100.00
GATEWAY SUPPLY LTD	FOAM SOAP, SS CLEANER, TORKMATIC	431.13
H & T CORP OF MINNESOTA	CHECK SIGNING ANNUAL MAINT	759.50
HACH COMPANY	SPECTRO W/O BATTERY PACK, SAMPL	3,288.45
HARLEQUIN READER SER	BOOKS	24.30
HAWKINS WATER TREAT	CHEMICALS	1,132.56
HI-RES GRAPHICS	DATE LABELS	55.00
HOMESTYLE BOOKS	BOOK	21.99
ICMA-RETIREMENT TRUST	ICMA	405.23
IIW ENGINEERS & SURV	MISC ENGINEERING WORK	29,796.92
IKON FINANCIAL SERVICES	ADDITIONAL IMAGES	258.80
IN THE SWIM	DPD POWDER,DPD TITRATING REAGE	116.21
INTERNAL REVENUE SER	FEDERAL WITHHOLDING	13,074.31
INTER CODE COUNCIL	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	75.00
IOWA CODIFICATION INC.	PREP OF JAN SUPPL (ORD 2009-09	75.00
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPO	VEHICLE INSPECTION	210.00

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIAT	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES	80.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	STREET MARKER	35.90
IOWA TELECOM	PHONE SERVICE	393.20
IPERS	IPERS	7,890.83
J & R SUPPLY INC	MINI TUBE CUTTER, MINI/MAX TUBE	364.00
JAMES KENNEDY PUB LIB	BOOK	6.99
JANE KEDLEY	CL CO ASSOC MTG SUPPLIES	49.53
JANE KEDLEY/PETTY CASH	TAPE	12.55
JANSEN ELECTRIC INC	GALV RIGID CONDUIT	551.17
ELECTRONICS INC	FIRE/BURGLAR ALARM MAINT	28.00
MATT PROCTOR	OUT OF POCKET REIMBURSEMENT	20.00
MICROMARKETING ASSOC	DVDS	504.71
MILL CREEK APARTMENTS	RELOCATION RENT-LONG	485.00
MUNICIPAL FIRE & POLICE	411 PENSION	11,367.43
NAPA AUTO PARTS	BATTERY, CORE DEPOSIT	175.34
NCA TRUCKING	SNOW REMOVAL	357.50
NEW YORK LIFE INS. CO.	NEW YORK LIFE	71.65
NORTH AMERICAN SALT CO	COARSE HWY SALT	8,922.62
OFFICE DEPOT	COPY PAPER, PRINTER RIBBON, COMP	240.15
PARK FARMS COMPUTER	SET UP WIRELESS ROUTER	75.00
PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL	PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE	15.39
PUMPKIN BOOKS	BOOKS	40.34
QC ANALYTICAL SER LLC	OUTSIDE LAB TESTS	1,736.00
QUAD CITY TIMES	PERIODICAL SUBSCRIPTION	234.00
R.K. OIL COMPANY	HYD FLUID	393.25
RADAR ROAD TEC	RADAR CERTS, ANTENNA WARRANTY E	280.00
SCOTT SNYDER DRUG	RUBBING ALCOHOL	4.38
STEVE LINDNER	MILEAGE-BOARD OF SUPERVISORS M	293.83
TARGET	DVDS	134.43
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 238	TEAMSTERS	346.00
TELRITE CORPORATION	PHONE SERVICE	281.32
TEXAS CHILD SUPPORT SDU	TEXAS GARNISHMENT	525.00
THE BOOK FARM INC	BOOKS	528.30
THEISEN'S	EXCHANGE RESPIRATOR MASKS	1,144.57
TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS	SPEAKER MIC, REPL BROKEN FLEX C	188.21
TOTAL MAINTENANCE INC	MODULATING MOTOR FOR AHU DAMPE	1,276.50
TREASURER STATE OF IA	STATE WITHHOLDING	6,057.00
TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	NUTS, BOLTS, SCREWS	160.97
UNITED HEALTHCARE PLAN	HEALTH INSURANCE	12,840.44
UPSTART	BOOK BAGS, BEACH BALLS, NECKLACE	135.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	165.60
USA BLUEBOOK	FILLED EYEWASH BOTTLES, METER F	110.88
VALVOLINE INS OIL CHAN	OIL CHANGE	37.79
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE SERVICE	168.60
W.W. GRAINGER INC.	EXHAUST FAN LOUVER	67.90
WAL-MART	CPA/YPA MEETING SUPPLIES	61.18
WARNER PLASTICS/LINERS	SPACERS FOR PLANTERS	57.00

Categorized by the following funds:

001 GENERAL FUND	38,282.81
110 ROAD USE	26,603.57
117 T & A - POL 411	7,319.94
121 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	1,446.04
315 6TH AVE RECONSTRUCTION	16,605.84
325 17TH ST/18TH AVE	789.75

345	INFLOW/INFILTRATION PROJ	4,362.50	
363	STIMULUS PROJECTS	1,137.48	
385	2008 HOMEOWNERSHIP GRANT	6,142.05	
386	2008 OWNER OCCUPIED GRANT	809.59	
600	WATER UTILITY	11,969.44	
610	SEWER UTILITY	19,378.33	
670	GARBAGE & RECYCLING COL	24.71	
740	STORM WATER UTILITY	447.02	
830	PAYROLL CLEARING	24,913.40	
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**Public Hearings: A. To Consider Vacating Parts of the Roadway Easement of the former 17<sup>th</sup> Street (locally known as Springbrook Road).** Ketelsen moved and Dunkin seconded to go out of regular session into public hearing. Motion carried with Ketelsen, Dunkin, Scheckel, Marcus, Hasenmiller voting yes. No comments or questions were received.

**Resolution 2010-07: To approve the Vacating of Pars of a Roadway Easement of the former Springbrook Road.** Hasenmiller moved and Scheckel seconded to approve **Resolution 2010-07**. Motion carried with Hasenmiller, Scheckel, Marcus, Dunkin, Ketelsen voting yes.

**Resolution No. 2010-08: Approving the Notice of Hearing for the Plans and Specifications, Proposed Form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Construction of the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction 2010 Project.** Scheckel moved and Dunkin seconded to approve **Resolution 2010-08**. Motion carried with Scheckel, Dunkin, Hasenmiller, Marcus, Ketelsen voting yes.

**Resolution No. 2010-09: Approve Final Plat of Cobblestone Estates First Addition.** Ketelsen moved and Dunkin seconded to approve **Resolution 2010-09**. Motion carried with Ketelsen, Dunkin, Scheckel, Hasenmiller, Marcus voting yes.

**Resolution No. 2010-10: Approve Final Plat of Mackin First Addition.** Hasenmiller moved and Marcus seconded to approve **Resolution 2010-10**. Motion carried with Hasenmiller, Marcus, Ketelsen, Scheckel, Dunkin voting yes.

**Permit a moving truck on the 500 block of 12<sup>th</sup> Street for 2-weeks for moving purposes.** Ketelsen moved and Scheckel seconded to permit the moving truck as requested. Motion carried with Ketelsen, Scheckel, Marcus, Dunkin, Hasenmiller voting yes.

**Consider Park and Recreation Request to Replace Fitness Center Treadmill and to Purchase a New Commercial Ventilation Fan for the Aquatic Center.** Hasenmiller moved and Ketelsen seconded to approve purchase of treadmill for \$5,000 and ventilation fan and eye wash station for the aquatic center for \$1,606. Motion carried with Hasenmiller, Ketelsen, Dunkin, Scheckel, Marcus voting yes.

**Closed Session Iowa Code 21.5 (j) "To Discuss the Purchase of Particular Real Estate."** Scheckel moved and Ketelsen seconded to go out of regular session into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5 (j). Motion carried with Scheckel, Ketelsen, Marcus, Hasenmiller, Dunkin voting yes.

**Budget Workshop (Capital Projects.)** Capital projects budgets were the first discussed. The 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue project includes completion of phase I lights, completion of sculptures, and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Sculpture costs were changed based on Ron Balmer's revised cost estimate. Other projects included are the IJOBS East side drainage improvement, 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Street inflow/infiltration projects, Westbrook baseball diamond improvements, and completion of the 2008 owner-occupied grant. The Silver Creek Trail project includes finishing the current project and a trail bridge if grant funding is received. New projects also include the widening of 11<sup>th</sup> Street from Humeston to Central Community Schools and the West end of 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Payment to the county for the 28E for work completed on Humeston and the pledge for the STAR project are also included. The City will be preparing to bond shortly for the new projects which are all TIF projects. One of the existing bonds will also be refinanced as the City's financial advisor estimates about \$25,000 can be saved in interest by doing this. Next the long-term debt schedule was presented. It was noted that only 4 of the 11 outstanding bond issue are paid with the City's debt service levy. All others are paid from other sources including sewer revenue, water revenue, road use tax revenue and TIF. The City's debt service portion of the tax levy will increase next year. There will be an additional TIF bond payment added to the debt budgets discussed for the TIF bond to be issued this spring. Next the special revenues budgets were discussed. Council began with a discussion of the estimate for road use tax revenue for next fiscal year. IDOT is currently revising the existing estimates downward. In addition, Governor Culver is proposing to divert \$50 million from the road use tax fund to pay for state

patrol. This is estimated to reduce DeWitt's share by \$21, 509 if this passes. Deanna urged everyone to contact their state representative to oppose this as road use tax revenue is vital to cities and counties for road maintenance. Council chose to leave the road use revenue at \$92.50 per capita based on IDOT's most recent estimate. The road use tax budget was discussed. This pays mainly for street wages, snow removal and the road use tax revenue bond. There is a slight increase in part-time employees salaries based on hours included. A walk-behind snow blower is included in the snow budget. The employee benefit levy was discussed next. The amount currently included is to keep the City's tax rate exactly the same as it is in the current year. There is \$111,061 of employee benefits in general and road use funds that this does not tax for that could be. The 411 percentage is increasing from 17% to 19.9% for police retirement system. It was noted that this is projected to increase significantly up to 40% in the next few years. There is a legislative proposal to include overtime pay in the retirement calculation which is not currently included. Deanna again urged everyone to contact their state representatives to oppose this change as it would be extremely costly to the City. Next the emergency levy was discussed. It is proposed at zero in order to keep the City's tax rate the same as the current year. This could be added up to \$.27000 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation which would give the City an additional \$41,641. The next budget discussed was the local option tax for streets. Street department budget includes bridge inspection, legal for contract negotiations, stencil for handicap markings, and jib hoist. Increases were included to work on compliance with sign reflectivity requirements and additional street supplies to do more repairs in-house rather than contracting. A stump grinder was removed. The TIF fund has 3 rebate agreements that are scheduled to have payments next fiscal year. It was noted that the economic development revolving loan fund can be used for local match on housing grants. The DeWitt Development Improvement District board has requested that the general fund support for the SSMID be kept at the same level as the current year even though less is required. The board is interested in accumulating some funds so that in the future they may be able to do some loans to downtown businesses for façade improvements. The library endowment fund includes \$60,000 for purchase of Thiel building plus \$40,000 to continue planning for the library expansion project.

Scheckel moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

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Donald J. Thiltgen, Mayor

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Deanna Rodriguez, acting City Clerk