

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL  
Work Session No. 17-01 - Minutes  
Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road  
**TUESDAY**, January 3, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Clabaugh, Brown, Cope  
Absent: Lindeman, Temple

**3. CONSIDER OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REQUESTS FOR FY '18 BUDGET FUNDS**

- a. JOHNSTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (JEDCO) – 6:05 P.M.  
Executive Director Phil Dunshee and Communication Specialist Kati Gehringer provided some background on their request which includes an increase of \$3,000. Mr. Dunshee also delivered checks to Parks Director John Schmitz in the form of donations totaling \$3,250. It was the remainder from the original pledge of \$5,000 from JEDCO and Mr. Dunshee's personal contribution.
- b. JOHNSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – 6:15 P.M.  
Executive Director Heather Goodwin and current Chamber President Lynette Rohrs were present. They provided some information regarding accomplishments and activities throughout 2016. The Chamber is requesting \$8,000, which is no change over last year.
- c. JOHNSTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION – 6:25 P.M.  
Nancy Buryanek was present and reviewed the Needs Assessment. The budget request is \$85,069, which is up from \$82,056 last year.
- d. GREATER DES MOINES PARTNERSHIP – 6:35 P.M.  
David Maahs was present representing the Greater Des Moines Partnership. He thanked the City for its support and requested the same amount of funding as last year - \$5,000.
- e. JOHNSTON PARTNERSHIP FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY – 6:40 P.M.  
Past President Kelly Renfrow spoke, and the Partnership had several other members in attendance: Ms. Renfrow stated that they act as a human services department for the City – they are requesting \$15,600, which is an increase over last year. It was also mentioned that the majority of clients receiving services are Johnston residents.

**4. IOWA CODE CONSORTIUM UPDATE**

City Administrator Jim Sanders stated that the City is not quite ready to discuss updates as it relates to what the City will do in accordance with the changes made / recommended by the consortium. Sanders reiterated the purpose and direction of the consortium committee. There are currently 17 communities that have signed the memorandum of understanding. Each community has representatives reviewing the work / recommendation that has been completed thus far. Fire and Building department officials are currently reviewing for the City. The City of Des Moines has voted on and implemented all recommended amendments.

**5. DISCUSS A POSSIBLE NO PARKING ORDINANCE FOR TRACE COURT AND NW 98<sup>th</sup> STREET BETWEEN WINDSOR PARKWAY AND NW 97<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

Senior Planner Aaron Wolfe provided background on this agenda item, including the request that prompted this examination. Wolfe stated that on typical City streets there is no parking on the mailbox side, however, at this location there is parking on both sides of the street. Wolfe stated that there appears to be enough space available for parking utilizing only one side. Council Member Brown mentioned that it is difficult for

emergency vehicles to pass when cars are parked on both sides of the street. Council Member Cope stated that the ordinance needs to be applied citywide and not different street by street.

Community Development Director David Wilwerding noted that residents in the neighborhood will be notified when action is being considered.

With time remaining prior to the start of the City Council meeting, staff comments were made:

Sanders indicated two additional communities are dropping out of DART: Elkhart and Runnells, which brings the total to five that have dropped out as members. Johnston is not part of the governance discussion – Councilmember Brown stated that the City needs to be. The MPO is requesting that Johnston participate in water trails study. The cost would be \$12,428 for the study of 150 +/- miles of creeks and rivers. Schmitz stated that there is \$50,000 in the CIP budget.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

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Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk