

**City of Decorah Economic Development and Community Betterment
Committee Meeting
Monday, February 20, 2017 – 6:30pm**

The City of Decorah Budget & Finance Community met on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 6:30pm. Chair Dan Bellrichard called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Kirk Johnson and Steve Luse. Gary Rustad was absent. Others in attendance included Randy Schissel and Andy Carlson.

Others in attendance: City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

1. Discussion regarding 28e agreement on disbursement of hotel / motel revenues

Bird and Bellrichard opened the meeting by noting that the current 28e agreement with the Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce agreement will expire on March 31, 2017.

There was much discussion about the history of the agreement and the arrangement to manage the affairs of the hotel / motel committee by the Chamber since the hotel / motel tax was initiated in 1997.

Kristina Wiltgen and Charlene Selbee provided an overview of the committee structure and process.

There was conversation about moving the administration of the funds from the chamber to the convention and visitor's bureau. Schissel noted that he thought it was a good idea to keep it with the chamber so as to continue with unbiased overview of the funds.

Luse proposed moving the administration to the CVB as they do most of the work in implementing the marketing plan. There was generally no support in increasing the administration compensation.

Johnson asked why would the city consider paying any administrative fees to any organization?

Bellrichard asked for consideration of all the options presented and adjourned the meeting until a later date.

2. Other business

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.
Respectfully submitted,

