

February 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Arendt at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Randy Schissel, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Kirk Johnson, Dan Bellrichard, Charles Lore.

Member absent: Gary Rustad

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Lore to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Charlene Selbee presented the Winneshiek County Convention and Visitor's Bureau annual report.

Steffen Mirsky spoke about selling vegetables at the campground.

Lore commented that proper council procedures require a speaker state their name and address for the record.

Motion by Lore, second by Carlson, to approve items on the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. **Resolution No. 2778**, approving a recommendation for final plat of Scenic View Estates; tenth addition
- d. **Resolution No. 2779**, approving a temporary easement to the DOT for Highway 9/52 Improvements

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel and second by Lore to approve a site plan for Casey's General Stores, 401 College Drive. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse and second by Carlson to approve acceptance of funding for the replacement of the Oneota Drive Bridge project from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse and second by Bellrichard to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Clapsaddle – Garber Engineers for the Pavement Rehabilitation project at the municipal airport (AIP 3-19-0025-012-2017). Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard and second by Carlson to approve adding a FY18 funding request from Humane Society of Northeast Iowa in the amount of \$2,400. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1193 limiting idling time of vehicles was introduced and read for the third time.

Herb Hageman, 300 Pleasant Hill Drive asked the council several questions about the ordinance. He asked who authored and supported the ordinance to which Luse replied he did. Hageman asked about original language of the ordinance and why language regarding trucks had been removed. He also asked about provisions for alternate fuels. Hageman asked why the exception for only defrosting the front windshields of cars.

Lore noted that money can buy science and he remained opposed to the ordinance.

Motion by Luse, second by Bellrichard, to approve the third reading and adopt. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Johnson, Bellrichard, Carlson. Voting nay: Schissel, Lore. Motion carried.

Mayor Arendt issued a veto on Ordinance 1193 and gave the council a written statement as to his reasons. The reasons included:

1. There already is a State Idling Ordinance. This ordinance is a duplication. Also vehicles have had federally controlled emission standards for many years. This is why we have catalytic converters on our vehicles.
2. Ordinance 1193 is frivolous, feel good legislation that contrives a Law that is difficult to enforce.
3. Enforcement has the expectation that the law is complaint driven. This creates animosity between neighbors and bad will.
4. The proponents claim health reasons for the ordinance and support it with evidence from New York City, Salt Lake Utah and other large industrialized high population cities. There is no documentation on the potential problem in Decorah. How many vehicles, gas and diesel, are idling in excess in Decorah? We are not a high traffic area, we are still small town rural America.
5. The ordinance assumes our citizens do not have common sense. I trust our people can make logical decisions and do not need this unnecessary law.
6. The ordinance is anti-business and is primarily focused on trucks.
7. Our Police have more important laws to enforce than to watch for and time idling vehicles.

Ordinance 1195 approving rezoning classification from R-1 single family residential and R-2 single to four family residential district to R-3 multiple family residential was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Schissel, second by Lore, to approve the third reading and adopt. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1196 respecifying the qualifications of members on the airport commission was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to approve the third reading and adopt. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse to approve the Mayor appointment of Elizabeth Lippert Kane to the Human Rights Board. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chad A. Bird". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Chad A. Bird
City Manager