

January 3, 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, Gary Rustad, Kirk Johnson, Dan Bellrichard, Charles Lore

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

Mayor Arendt introduced Steve Smith, new Winneshiek Co./City of Decorah IT Director and Robin Sailor, City Forester appointee.

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

- a. Minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Beer permit for Nordic Express including Sunday Sales
- d. **Change Order 1** Division Street Storm Sewer Improvements – \$4,667.10
- e. **Change Order 2** Division Street Storm Sewer Improvements – **deduct \$128.03**
- f. **PPE 3 - final** Division Street Storm Sewer Improvements – \$4,433.75
- g. **Final PPE 4 retainage release** Division Street Storm Sewer Improvements – \$5,424.93
- h. **Resolution 2773** accepting the Division Street Storm Sewer Improvement Project as complete
- i. **Resolution 2774** setting a date for a public hearing on zoning code amendments – rezoning of property at 1001 Ridgewood Drive, January 17, 2017 at 5:45pm

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Rustad, to encourage moving forward with publication and notification of formal consultant selection procedures for a telecommunications utility feasibility study. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Bellrichard to increase Council compensation to \$50.00/mtg and Mayor compensation to \$400.00/month effective January 1, 2018. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Rustad, Bellrichard, Johnson, Carlson. Voting nay: Schissel, Lore, Luse. Motion carried. Note- increase in these wages will need to be formalized by passage of an ordinance.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Lore, to appoint Robin Sailor to the position of City Forester. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad to approve and certify the following residential tax abatement applications:

Ron and Linda Hauge, 305 Terrace Street – completed November 2016

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson, to approve the following Mayor re-appointment:

Planning and Zoning Commission – Tony Clark

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.