

**City of Decorah Utility Committee meeting minutes  
Monday, March 20, 2017 – 6:30pm**

The City of Decorah Utility Committee met on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:30pm. The meeting was intended to start at 6:30pm but the regular city council meeting lasted longer.

Chair Andy Carlson called the meeting to order and Bellrichard, Lore and Rustad were in attendance.

Others in attendance included Steve Luse. City Manager Chad Bird was also in attendance.

**Agenda**

1. Discussion and update from Telecommunications Commission regarding future initiatives and authority of the commission

*Carlson opened the meeting and introduced members of the Telco Utility Commission present, Jarrad Walter, Paul Mattson via phone, and Bruce Butters.*

*Walter noted that the review of RFPs is going well and the commission is planning on presenting the council with a recommendation on April 3.*

*Looking to the future Walter noted that the commission is beginning to question what legal authority they have to enter into agreements and to purchase broadband Internet services and make them available for resale. There was considerable discussion about ideas to ramp up service to the community in phases rather than an all-at-once opportunity.*

*Bird noted that he would need to seek additional legal advice regarding some of the parameters. The council noted they are supportive of the commission's efforts and would work with them once the commission brings back recommendations after the feasibility study is complete.*

*There was additional general discussion and conversation.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

