

March 6, 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, Gary Rustad. Absent: Charles Lore.

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

Amalia Vagts, Human Right Commission member, reviewed the commission's annual report. She further encouraged the council to support and place on the website a statement entitled "Friendship Not Fear - Standing in Solidarity with Muslims in our Local Community and the Nation" which was co-sponsored by the Northeast Iowa Peace and Justice Center and the National Coalition to Protect Civil Freedoms". The statement was read by Julie Fischer, representing the Peace and Justice Center.

Councilperson Schissel questioned why we are signaling out one particular immigration group when many are coming to our country. Are they coming with the intention of becoming American citizens, learning our language and laws and if so, no issues.

Julie Fischer responded saying the number of hate crimes has been rising toward Muslims since the election and the number of hate groups has been increasing.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson, to support the statement as requested. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Johnson, Bellrichard, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried

Jarrold Walter, Decorah Telecommunications Board member, gave an update on the status of the feasibility study proposal process.

Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel, to approve items on the consent agenda items as follows:

- a. Minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Change Order 1 Stone Arch Bridge for Dunnings Spring Park – \$8,300.00
- d. Change Order 2 Stone Arch Bridge for Dunnings Spring Park – \$10,987.50
- e. New Class E Liquor License for Casey's General Stores, 1807 Old Stage Road, including Class B Native Wine Permit, Class C Beer and Sunday sales privileges
- f. Renew Don Jose Mexican Restaurant, 201 East Water Street, Class C Liquor Permit, Outdoor Service and Sunday sales
- g. Request to close Main street from River to Winnebago for 2017 Lawn Chair Nights

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed FY18 budget the hearing was opened.

City Manager Bird reviewed the final budget details. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to adopt Resolution 2780 approving the FY18 budget as presented including the proposed FY18 salary matrix for non-union and exempt personnel based on the compensation plan. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Carlson, to approve the 2017 Farmer's Market Agreement. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2781 adopting a fund balance and cash reserve policy. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Bellrichard to approve a recommendation from the tree board to amend the boulevard tree voucher program to increase the subsidy to \$60.00 per tree. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Rustad, to approve Administrative Policy 17-01 clarifying requests for public meeting notifications. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1198 amending Section 10.36.030 Load Restrictions upon vehicles using certain city streets was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Bellrichard to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Bellrichard, Schissel, Johnson, Carlson. Voting nay: Rustad. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



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