

April 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, Charles Lore, Dan Bellrichard, Gary Rustad, Kirk Johnson

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

Motion by Lore, second by Luse, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 2783 setting a public hearing for the proposed FY17 budget amendment (*May 1, 2017, 5:45 pm*)
- d. Resolution 2784 setting a public hearing on the plans and specifications, estimate of costs, and setting a bid date for the 2017 Park Street / Short Street Storm Sewer and Street Improvement Project (*May 1, 2017, 5:45 pm*)
- e. NE IA Montessori request to use city property for city-wide garage sale fund raiser April 22, 6:30 a.m. through 6:30 p.m.
- f. Set May 1, 2017, 5:45 p.m. as the date and time for a hearing on a first tobacco violation for Casey's General Store

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to enter into a professional services agreement for the completion of a telecommunications and fiber network feasibility study with Uptown Services, Boulder Colorado. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1197 amending Chapter 2.02 of the Decorah Municipal Code by respecifying mayor and council compensation was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Bellrichard, second by Carlson, to approve the third reading placing ordinance on its final adoption. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Carlson, Luse, Johnson, Rustad, Lore. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1198 amending Section 10.36.030 Load Restrictions upon vehicles using certain city streets was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Bellrichard, second by Carlson to approve the third reading placing ordinance on its final adoption. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Bellrichard, Schissel, Lore, Carlson, Rustad. Motion carried.

Resolution 2782 establishing thru-truck traffic restrictions within the city was opened for discussion. Councilperson Bellrichard suggested consideration of an alternate route of Locust Rd, to College Drive., turning east onto Heivly and south onto Mechanic. Other routes were also suggested.

Councilperson Schissel noted intersections at Water/Montgomery and Water/College were designed for and large enough to handle large trucks. Water and Montgomery have both been redone in the recent past. Using Mechanic is problematic as it has only received overlays in the past. Believes we should just continue to allow trucks to use current streets.

Councilperson Lore stated Locust is a "Farm to Market" road. He believes the matter should be left alone.

Motion by Luse to rewrite the resolution to the alternate route suggested by Bellrichard – Locust to College to Heivly to Mechanic. Motion died for lack of second.

No action taken on the resolution as proposed.

Ordinance 1199 authorizing Declaration of Civil Emergencies and Orders of Mandatory Evacuation in the event of Civil Emergencies as introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Schissel, second by Bellrichard to approve the first reading.

Councilperson Luse expressed concern regarding language requiring council action to declare the emergency and mandatory evacuation. He felt it would slow down the process during the event.

Attorney Zahasky explained that during an emergency situation the rules requiring 24- hour notice of public meeting is waived. The Mayor called for the vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Bellrichard, Carlson, Lore, Johnson, Rustad. Voting nay: Luse. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Lore, to waive the requirement for three readings. Voting aye: Schissel, Lore, Johnson, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Luse, Bellrichard. Motion failed.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson, to approve the following Mayor Appointments:

- Planning and Zoning Commission – Joel Zook
- Historic Preservation – Lois Humpal

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.