

April 17, 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: Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Dan Bellrichard, Gary Rustad, Kirk Johnson. Absent: Charles Lore, Randy Schissel

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

Mark Muggli., Historic Preservation Commission, reviewed on-going projects this past year and new ones being undertaken.

Water Supt. Todd Ihde and WWTP Supt. Mike O'Hara gave a slide presentation on the 2016 flood event.

John Logsdon, Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors, read a letter from Ben Steines, Winneshiek County Auditor, requesting repayment of the city's share of expenses associated with the shared data center.

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

- a. Minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Park/Rec request to close Ice Cave Road, Sat. April 29 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Time Trials
- d. Renewal Class B Beer Permit for Toppling Goliath, College Dr., including Sunday Sales
- e. Renewal Class B Beer Permit for Pizza Hut including Sunday Sales
- f. Consider special event application for Pooch Scooch 5K run Saturday, May 13, 2017 9:30am

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1199 authorizing Declaration of Civil Emergencies and Orders of Mandatory Evacuation in the event of Civil Emergencies as introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Carlson, second by Bellrichard to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Luse, to adopt Resolution 2785 approving a 28E agreement with the Winneshiek County Convention and Visitors Bureau with respect to administration of hotel/motel revenues. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 2786 notifying the County of the intent to withdraw from the 28E IT agreement was opened for discussion. City Manager Bird explained increased IT needs and the likely potential of establishing a city telecommunications utility that will require considerable staffing time are the basic components of this recommendation. Current City personnel do not have the IT knowledge or expertise needed to assist with the development of the utility and assistance with on-going operations once established.

Several Councilmembers expressed an interest in meeting with County officials before taking action given the letter previously received and read by John Logsdon. Councilperson Johnson suggested moving forward with sending the termination letter with the understanding it could be rescinded later. This would effectively begin the 30-mandatory notice requirement.

Motion by Rustad, second by Carlson, to table action and refer to the Personnel Committee for further discussion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Carlson, Rustad, Bellrichard. Voting nay: Johnson, Luse. Motion carried.

No action taken on hiring of an information technologies staff person.

Motion by Rustad, second by Bellrichard to approve an infrastructure improvement reimbursement agreement with Fridley R L Theatres, Inc. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.