

**City of Decorah Economic Development and Community Betterment  
Committee Meeting  
Monday, June 5, 2017 – 6:30pm**

The City of Decorah Economic Development and Community Betterment Community met on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:30pm. Chair Dan Bellrichard called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Kirk Johnson and Steve Luse. Gary Rustad was absent. Others in attendance included Andy Carlson.

Others in attendance: City Manager Chad Bird.

**Agenda**

1. Discussion regarding **ordinance 1170**, Urban Revitalization Plan / Residential Housing Incentive Program

*There was general discussion regarding the current housing tax abatement program. Bird explained the three tenants of the program, new construction, existing structure improvements and commercial residential.*

*There was conversation regarding the current WCDI housing study and thought about waiting for the study to be concluded, Bird thought in August.*

*Bird and Bellrichard discussed what affordable housing means and how a program could be developed to impact lower economic level homes.*

*The committee spent a little time brainstorming general growth and housing issues for the broader community.*

2. Discussion regarding a street vendor Policy

*Bellrichard reviewed the draft policy and started a conversation about why not let vendors on streets. Johnson noted that he thought it would add to the atmosphere in the downtown area.*

*Carlson noted that he supports the council adopting such a vendor policy as he would like to see the city be more receptive and supportive of such activities.*

*There was discussion regarding insurance and other points and the committee asked Bird to write the policy and place it on a future council agenda.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

