

August 7, 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, Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Charles Lore, Gary Rustad. Absent: Kirk Johnson

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

Motion by Lore, second by Rustad, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Koreana including Sunday Sales
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Stone Hearth Inn including Sunday Sales
- e. Consider **Resolution 2810** approving the final assessments for the Highway 9 East Water/Sewer Project and setting the interest rate at 5%
- f. Approve new Cigarette/Tobacco application for Backwater Spirits and More, 116 W Water Street
- g. Consider special event application for St. Benedict Catholic Church, Saturday, August 12, 2017, noon – 10pm.
- h. Consider special event application for Live on Water Street event including closing 300 block of West Water Street on Saturday, September 9 from 7:00am to 12:00am (midnight) – date change
- i. Consider **Resolution 2812**, approving 28e agreement amendment with the Decorah MetroNet
- j. Consider **Resolution 2814**, setting a date for a public hearing on the Southwest Decorah Urban Renewal District Plan Amendment, September 5, 2017 at 5:45pm
- k. **PPE 1** – 2017 Park St/Short Street Storm Sewer and Street Imp - \$13,783.27

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing to rezone property at 1006 Woodside Dr. from C-2 General Retail and Service District to R-2 Single to Four-Family Residential the hearing was opened. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed.

Councilperson Schissel questioned why the property is being rezoned R-2 when the current owners have indicated their desire to place a covenant on the property allowing for only a single-family home. Why not rezone to R-1? City Manager Bird explained the rest of the subdivision is zoned R-2. To remain consistent with surrounding zoning it should be R-2.

Ordinance 1204 rezoning property at 1006 Woodside Dr. from C-2 General Retail and Service District to R-2 Single to Four-Family Residential was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Rustad, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Carlson, Luse, Lore, Rustad. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing to rezone Parcel A Highland Place Subdivision from H-M Hospital Medical and R-1 Single family residential to R-3 Multiple Family Residential the hearing was opened.

Spencer Bolson, 1300 College Dr., stated he gets a lot of water runoff onto his property due to all the hard surface area. He doesn't believe the storm water system is adequate.

City Manager Bird explained there is a storm water management component in the plat. Engineer Erdman also explained drainage from this area will not go the same place as the current development. It will draw to a ravine that goes down to the Luther woods.

Ordinance 1205 rezoning Parcel A Highland Place subdivision from H-M Hospital Medical and R-1 Single Family Residential to R-3 Multiple Family Residential was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Rustad, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed plans/specifications and form of contract for the 2017 Airport Hangar Development Project the hearing was opened. There were no public comments. The hearing was closed.

Gundersen Lutheran has requested no action be taken pending further review by their staff.

Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to table until a long-term lease or memorandum of understanding is secured from Gundersen. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.


This being the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications and form of contract for the 2017 Street and Alley Improvement Project the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore to approve Resolution 2013 approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and awarding the bid totaling \$88,118.50 to JB Holland for the 2017 Street and Alley Improvement Project. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1203 amending Chapter 8.12 regarding Fireworks was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Bellrichard, second by Lore to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Rustad, Schissel, Bellrichard, Carlson, Luse. Voting nay: Lore. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Carlson to appoint Councilperson Luse as Council Liaison to the SSMID Board. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Carlson, Schissel, Lore, Rustad. Abstain: Luse. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.


Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.