

August 29, 2017

The property committee and special work session of the Decorah City Council was called to order by chairman Steve Luse at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Mayor Don Arendt, Andy Carlson, Randy Schissel, and Gary Rustad

Others present including city manager Chad Bird and city engineer Lindsay Erdman

Discuss an easement agreement with Raina Barloon, 331 Pershing Avenue for placement of a fence
The committee discussed vacating a small parcel of land at 331 Pershing to convey to the adjoining property owner. There was discussion about the utilities through the property and there was interest in selling the land and receiving an easement back to the city for the utilities.

The committee was alright in exploring the land sale with the resident interested in seeking ownership. Bird noted the city generally vacates and conveys land at \$1 per sq foot plus professional fees. Bird noted he would work with legal and engineering to secure the proper action items to survey the lot and convey the land.

Discussion regarding levee and bike trail easements with Winneshiek County Fair Association
The committee engaged in a conversation with members of the fair board regarding the sale and transfer of property around the levee and bike trail. It was discussed and agreed that the arrangements would include:

- *The city working with the fair board to reduce the number of water meters on the fairgrounds*
- *Providing copies of easements from Erdman to the fair board staff*
- *The city paying a purchase price of \$15,000*
- *The city allowing the fair board permission to use the old sewer facility and access road for parking during the fair and major events*
- *The city conveying the Sumner Avenue remnant parcel on the south end of Sumner Avenue*

The commission agreed to continue to move this project forward to order a purchase agreement and closing documents.

City lot on Winneshiek Avenue, sale of city property

Bird noted to the committee there was interest in purchasing the lot the city owns along Winneshiek Avenue. Citing several concerns regarding flooding and storm water, the committee agreed the city was not interested in selling the lot at this time.

Future development of residential, north

There was general discussion regarding future development of the city. The committee directed Bird to contact other local organizations about a joint board meeting for discussions that might aid each organization in their development of projects.

Building codes and property maintenance

The committee discussed the need for building codes and there was general conversation on the matter. Several committee members noted they are interested in exploring this further.

Meeting adjourned on motion (7:55)



Chad Bird
City Manager