

City of Decorah Council Budget and Finance Committee

Monday, September 18, 2017 – 4:30pm

The budget & finance committee met to review funding options and obtain background on issues before the regular city council meeting later the same day. Chair Randy Schissel called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Kirk Johnson, Chuck Lore and Andy Carlson. Dan Bellrichard, Steve Luse and Gary Rustad were also in attendance. Others in attendance: Mayor Don Arendt, City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath and City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

1. Airport Hangar Financing Options

Bird introduced Mike Richards from Gundersen and also review the bids for the proposed hangar project. Bird noted that the bids were higher than expected and that all the funding from Gundersen had not been secured. Bird noted that the qualified bids were only valid for thirty days and that the council would need to act on the bids before the expiration date. He noted without full funding, the council would need to determine whether they would be willing to fund the full project without support from Gundersen.

There was general discussion about the scope of the project. Richards noted that Gundersen is fully supportive of the project and in partnering with the city, but that his team will need to reconvene and discuss their financial participation. With these comments, the committee recommended the council reject the bids and work with Gundersen on a redesigned project.

2. Information and Technology Funding

Bird noted in the county board of supervisors had sent a letter to the city regarding continued sharing of the VMware servers. Bird said that it appeared the county was interested in not continuing the relationship and was also asking the city to reimburse the county for use of the servers for the past four years. Bird shared a letter he sent to the board of supervisors in which he had offered to reimburse the county up to \$26,000 for the past four years' use.

There was continued discussion about the security risk inherent in sharing and Bird also noted that perhaps the city and county would consider holding a joint session to discuss sharing networks.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,

