

November 20, 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, Kirk Johnson.

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

Dan Meader, WCCVB spoke of the vision of the Board and advised the Council of the process being undertaken to hire a new director.

Motion by Carlson, second by Luse, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. New Class B Beer Permit for Toppling Goliath including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales privileges
- d. Resolution 2838, setting a date and providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Revitalization Plan for 2014 Decorah Housing Urban Revitalization Area (*December 18, 2017, 5:45pm*)
- a. Resolution 2839 entering into an amended professional services agreement with CGA for airport runway improvements
- b. PPE #1, Iowa Hwy 9 West – Water & Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project - \$78,821.45
- c. PPE #3 - final, 2017 Asphalt Street Maintenance Project - \$6,338.30 (*release retainage*)
- d. CO #1, 2017 Asphalt Street Maintenance Project – deduct change order **-\$3,195.15**
- e. PPE #4, 2017 Park Street / Short Storm Sewer and Street Improvements - \$14,841.09

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1213 amending Section 6.12 removing Bees as a bothersome animal was introduced and read for the first time.

Sharon Del Vento, Rural Ave., encouraged the council to reconsider passage of this ordinance. She stated she would never buy a house near a bee hive and believes honey bee hives, in populated areas, is inappropriate. She has witnessed swarming bees when the queen moves and they can be very aggressive. It's a dangerous situation for those with bee allergies.

Councilperson Schissel stated he has talked to a number of people who have voiced concern regarding reaction to bee stings. It's a very dangerous situation for those with that allergy.

Curt Larson, Biology Professor, Luther College, stated swarms do happen during division of the hive but keepers work hard to prevent aggressive behavior.

Motion by Carlson, second by Lore, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Carlson, Lore, Bellrichard, Luse, Rustad, Johnson. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Luse, to approve entering into a 28e agreement with Winneshiek County for the administration of IT equipment. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Carlson, to approve reimbursement for IT equipment usage to Winneshiek County in the amount of \$26,267.28 minus \$8,000 for the Sheriff's department roof repairs. Reimbursement total - \$18,267.28. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Carlson. Voting nay: Luse, Schissel, Lore, Rustad, Johnson. Motion failed.

Consideration of action on a 28e agreement for the disposition of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues was opened for discussion.

Councilperson Johnson stated WCCVB has chosen to no longer share resources with the Chamber and Economic Development and has moved out of their convenient downtown location. Hotel/Motel tax is a city tax instituted by Decorah voters. He can't, in good conscious, continue to support the allocation of money to a group that won't continue to share resources with other local and similar organizations.

Motion by Johnson, second by Rustad, to send 30-day notice to WCCVB terminating the current 28e agreement and perhaps begin negotiations to re-enter into agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to manage those funds.

Councilperson Luse felt a plan is needed before terminating the 28e.

It was clarified WCCVB is the financial custodian of the allocated funds with the Marketing Committee being responsible for distribution decisions.

The Mayor called for the vote. Voting aye: Johnson, Schissel, Rustad. Voting nay: Lore, Bellrichard, Carlson, Luse. Motion failed.

Motion by Rustad, second by Carlson, to approve an agreement with Wallace, Holland, Kastler and Schmitz for the 2018 bridge inspections totaling \$4,700. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to approve the following outside appointments to the TIF/LMI Commission:

- Pat Running – Habitat for Humanity
- John Beard – NEICAC

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to approve re-appointments to the SSMID Board as follows:

Tade Kerndt  
John Wilmes  
Stan Fullerton  
Julie Spilde  
Barb Juve  
Dave Lester  
Andrew Nelson

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried

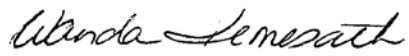
Motion by Luse, second by Bellrichard, to approve the following appointments to the MetroNet 28e Board:

Chad Bird – Primary  
Chopper Albert – Alternate

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Under other business Councilperson Lore announced this would be his last meeting saying he wanted to give Johanna Bergan, Councilperson-Elect, the opportunity to start in December.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.