

October 2, 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 Carlson, second by Luse, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Kristina Wiltgen, Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce, submitted and reviewed their annual report.

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

- a. Minutes of the Sept. 18, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Consider street closing request from Historic Preservation Commission for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 4:00pm – 4:15pm for Downtown Historic District ribbon cutting ceremony, 507 West Water Street

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the vacation and conveyance of city R-O-W near Pershing Ave the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1209 vacating a 50' by 115' section of R-O-W near Pershing Avenue 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.

Motion by Luse, second by Bellrichard to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings and to place the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore to adopt Resolution 2831 approving the conveyance of a 50' x 115' section of R-O-W near Pershing Ave. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on a proposed Development Agreement with Decorah Auto Center, Inc., the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to adopt Resolution 2832 approving the proposed Decorah Auto Center, Inc., Development Agreement authorizing annual appropriation tax increment payments and pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment of the agreement contingent upon clarification and council agreement with section 6 & 7. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1210 amending Section 2.14 – Fire Department under Title 2 of the City Code of Ordinances was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Johnson to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Johnson, Schissel, Bellrichard, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Lore. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1211 amending Section 2.48, City Manager under Title 2 of the City Code of Ordinances was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Bellrichard, second by Luse, to approve the first reading. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Luse, Schissel, Carlson, Rustad, Johnson. Voting nay: Lore. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Luse to authorize the purchase of IT related equipment and software estimated at approximately \$66,000. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Bellrichard, Lore. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to approve an extension to the Park Street/Short Street Project schedule for 2 weeks to Nov. 3. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Rustad, Johnson, Bellrichard, Lore. Voting nay: Schissel, Carlson, Luse. Motion carried.

Consideration of Resolution 2833 approving the plans, specification, form of contract and awarding the bid for the Iowa Hwy 9 West Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project was opened for discussion.

There were no public comments.

Project Engineer Erdman stated the lift station was not included in the plans and specs due to design complexity and would have delayed the bid date. Parts included within the plans are considered DNR permitted public infrastructure.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Carlson to approve the plans/specs, form of contract and awarding the bid for the Iowa Hwy 9 West Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project to Skyline Construction. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

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