

December 4, 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, Gary Rustad, Kirk Johnson.

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

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

- a. Minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class B Hotel/Motel Liquor License for Hotel Winneshiek including Outdoor Service Area, Sunday Sales and catering privileges
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Your Place including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales
- e. CO#1 for Court Street retaining wall project - \$8,779.57
- f. CO#1 for Trout Run Trail Restoration Project - \$5,710.00
- g. Resolution 2840 amending the City's investment policy
- h. CO#1 Park St./Short St. Storm Sewer Project - \$8,572.32
- i. PPE #5 Park St./Short St. Storm Sewer Project - \$17,894.01
- j. Resolution 2843 accepting the Park St./Short St. Storm Sewer Project as complete

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 third time. Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to approve the third reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Carlson, Bellrichard, Luse, Rustad, Johnson. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Consideration of disposition of Hotel Motel Tax Revenues was opened for discussion. Councilperson Johnson stated he understands the motion made at the November 20 meeting to terminate the current 28e agreement, which failed, cannot be introduced again by him or any member who supported the motion. That being said he continues to have concerns with the lack of disclosure for the accounting of these funds.

Motion by Johnson, second by Schissel, to withhold quarterly disbursement until after the January 2018 Hotel/Motel Committee meeting and receipt of a financial report disclosing the management of those funds.

Councilperson Luse questioned why our representatives to the Board didn't voice these concerns at the last Hotel/Motel meeting. Councilperson Schissel stated there was discussion regarding the lack of financial reporting.

The Mayor called for the vote. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Johnson, Schissel, Bellrichard, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Luse. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2841 affirming City support of the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to approve Resolution 2842 affirming City support of the State and Local Tax (Salt) deduction. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson to approve the certification of the following 2017 residential tax abatement applications:

- a. Travis and Kylee Uhlenhake, 2398 Red Oak Road – completed December 2017

Additions – Garages or improvements

- b. John & Tracy Hjelle, 211 Hilltop Drive – completed December 2017

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.