

March 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Randy Schissel, Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Ross Hadley, Kirk Johnson, Johanna Bergan.

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

Mike Klimesh, President, Winneshiek County Convention & Visitors Bureau, reviewed previously requested financial information with the council. He explained WCCVB has its' own budget and they simply manage the hotel/motel funds allocated to tourism. All H/M funds expended are approved by the Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee.

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

- a. Minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Extended outdoor service area for Toppling Goliath Mar 30 – Apr 1
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Roscoe's including Sunday Sales
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License for T-Bock's including Sunday Sales and outdoor service area
- f. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Haymarket including Sunday Sales
- g. Special Event Application for Holiday Lights/Magical Nights, Nov 21-Dec 25, 2018
- h. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 213 East Water Street, *Valhalla Barkery – sign*
- i. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 106 East Main Street, *Northeast Security Bank – sign*

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing to consider a request to rezone property at 2700 College Drive to R-1 Single Family Residential the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1217 approving rezoning property at 2700 College Drive to R-1 Single Family Residential was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Schissel, second by Bellrichard to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing to consider a request to rezone property at 2072 State Highway 9 West to C-1 Highway commercial the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1218 approving rezoning property at 2072 State Highway 9 West to C-1 Highway Commercial was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Bellrichard, second by Bergan to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing to consider an electric utility easement agreement with Alliant Energy for an area south of Highway 9 and West of Highway 52 the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2875 approving an electric utility easement agreement with Alliant Energy for an area south of Highway 9 and west of Highway 52. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of the first reading of Ordinance 1219, amending Chapter 13.20 water rates, was opened for discussion.

General discussion was held on the proposed increase of 30%. It was noted that even with the proposed increase, the water utility fund will still be in the red after FY19, based on current budget projections. Current city fund balance policy states FYE fund balance should be at least 30% of proposed revenues. Further, the water and sewer utility funds should have a sufficient fund balance to pay for improvements to the system rather than levying the payments through debt service.

Schissel believes the increase is too much at one time. We shouldn't try to correct all at once.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Johnson to approve a 30% increase to water rates and to eliminate the bottom tier of the rate schedule. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Johnson. Voting nay: Bergan, Carlson, Schissel, Luse, Hadley. Motion failed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to table consideration of Ordinance 1220 increasing sewer rates by 25%. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Carlson, Bergan, Johnson, Hadley, Luse. Voting nay: Bellrichard. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Luse, to lift the \$15,000 cap for legal fees to Ahlers & Cooney to pay past legal fees with any future fees requiring prior council approval. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

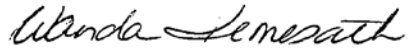
Motion by Bellrichard, second by Carlson, to approve the disposition of 3rd and 4th qtr 2017 Hotel Motel Tax Revenues to WCCVB. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bellrichard, Carlson, Bergan, Luse, Hadley, Johnson. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley to approve a master lease agreement with Verizon for small cell towers. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Hadley, Bergan, Luse, Hadley, Johnson. Voting nay: Carlson. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1215 amending Chapter 17.16 relating to sign regulations was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson to approve the third and final reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1216 amending Chapter 17.16 regarding accessory buildings was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Carlson, second by Schissel to approve the third and final reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.