

**City of Decorah Council Budget and Finance Committee**  
**Monday, March 26, 2018 – 5:30pm**

The City of Decorah Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:30pm. Chair Randy Schissel called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Johanna Bergan, Andy Carlson, and Kirk Johnson.

Mayor Lorraine Borowski, Dan Bellrichard, Ross Hadley, and Steve Luse were also in attendance. Others in attendance: City Manager Chad Bird, Mike Klimesh, and Kristina Wiltgen.

**Agenda**

1. Discussion regarding hotel / motel funding and 28e agreements

*Schissel opened the meeting and reviewed the existing 28e agreement for the administration of the hotel / motel funding.*

*Klimesh and Johnson discussed merging some aspects of the convention and visitors bureau board activities. There was a comment by Klimesh that at least WCCVB and WCDI but not the Chamber board.*

*Schissel mentioned his conversation with the Mayor of Pella, IA and the Pella community has a more collaborative structure.*

*Mayor Borowski noted she likes and supports the existing structure in Decorah and the current way the funds are disbursed.*

*Hadley and Kristina Wiltgen, representing the Chamber not they are not actively seeking to take the funds back over from the WCCVB.*

*Johnson noted he would like to see a council liaison chair a committee to consider funds and use.*

*Mayor Borowski and Luse asked if the council would wait and see how things progress with the new director before the council / committee would make any changes.*

*It was noted the three executive directors wanted to meet and discuss possible mergers or costs sharing services. The Chamber and WCDI had sent a letter to WCCVB regarding this issue.*

*Towards the end of the meeting, Klimesh noted he would ask his board to consider terminating the 28e and pull out of serving as fiscal agent of the funds. He also indicated he would seek to present a full marketing plan at a future hotel / motel committee meeting.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

