

**City of Decorah Utility Committee meeting minutes
Monday, March 5, 2018 – 6:30pm**

The City of Decorah Utility Committee met on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 6:30pm. Chair Andy Carlson called the meeting to order, Dan Bellrichard, and Randy Schissel were in attendance. Absent: Johanna Bergan.

Others in attendance included Ross Hadley, and Steve Luse. Telecommunications Utility Commission members Jarrad Walter and Anna Norris and City Manager Chad Bird, IT Director Chopper Albert, and City Engineer Lindsay Erdman were also in attendance.

Agenda

1. Discussion and update from Telecommunications Utility Commission
Albert previewed some financial analysis work he has completed in regards to the utility network. He led the committee through an Excel spreadsheet showing the changes he might propose.

There was considerable discussion regarding the study and financial aspects of the network.

Some asked if the consultant could be asked to amend the study so that it may be more favorable.

The council committee thanked the utility commission for their work. Bird noted he was working to bring the city's financial advisor in for an overview of financing options that may be available to the city. He hoped that would happen soon.

2. Discussion regarding storm water projects
Bird reviewed a storm water project along east Montgomery Street and engaged the committee in review of proposed work.

In conversation Erdman explained the easement necessary and several committee members expressed concern that the city's liability should stop at the existing terminus with the pond.

Bird and Erdman noted they would write the easement to reflect storm water utility all the way across the private property to the river but acknowledge work would include only installation of the pipe to the currently exposed pond area.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.
Respectfully submitted,

