

**City of Decorah Council Work Session meeting minutes  
Monday, April 30, 2018 – 5:30pm**

The City of Decorah's city council met in a work session on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 5:30pm.

Mayor Lorraine Borowski called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Steve Luse, Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Randy Schissel, and Ross Hadley.

Absent: Johanna Bergan and Kirk Johnson

Others in attendance included City Manager Chad Bird, City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath, Parks Director Andy Nimrod and Library Director Kristin Torresdal.

**Agenda**

Discuss school site proposal and task force

*The Mayor opened this discussion item by noting that she will be appointing council members Bergan and Bellrichard and city staff member Nimrod to the special school site task force. Bellrichard asked for some discussion from the council members present as to direction for ongoing deliberations on the proposed school site.*

*The Mayor noted that the formation of the task force and the meeting schedule is in the District's hands for further action.*

Informational discussion budget amendment hearing for May 7, 2018

*Bird and Hemesath provided an overview of the budget amendment process. Hemesath elaborated on the budget items that create an amendment every year. She also explained the state budgeting requirements.*

*Carlson asked if there are ways to provide more information to the budget about the budget process including use of social media.*

Discuss future capital planning and current projects

*Bird asked for council direction on proceeding with capital projects including repairs at the library, fire station and water storage tanks on Park St. He noted a long lead time on some library repairs and asked for direction to put together a capital plan for these items.*

*There was concurrence from the council to bring additional information and timeline back for approvals.*

Discuss work session purpose and future meeting planning

*Mayor Borowski and Luse discussed holding more regular work sessions. Carlson noted that it is difficult to balance more meetings with other commitments.*

*There was also conversation around keeping the committee schedules following regular council meetings.*

*There was some interest in the work sessions on the fourth Monday at 5:30pm and lasting no more than 60 minutes.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

