

August 6, 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, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Ross Hadley, Kirk Johnson, Johanna Bergan, Dan Bellrichard.

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

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath, distributed and reviewed fiscal year-end financial reports.

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

- a. Minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Fairfield Inn & Suites including Sunday Sales
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for LaRana
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Corner Bar including Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service area
- f. Renewal Class B Beer permit for Happy Joes including Sunday Sales
- g. Extended outdoor service area for Toppling Goliath for 8/24 – 8/26 event
- h. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Stone Hearth including Sunday Sales
- i. Resolution 2899, setting a date for a public hearing on an easement agreement with Good Times Grill, 308 College Drive for use of public ROW; *August 20, 2018 at 5:45pm*
- j. Resolution 2900, setting a date for a public hearing, considering plans and specifications, and cost estimates and setting a bid date for the Decorah Vernon Street Storm Sewer Improvement Project; *August 20, 2018 at 5:45pm*
- k. PPE #1 – Dry Run Trail / Box Culvert in the amount of \$85,502.05
- l. Consider Special event permit for Live on Water Street, Saturday, September 29, 2018 (*event from Noon – 4:00pm and setup/teardown from 7:00am – 8:00pm*)
- m. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 128 West Water Street, *Amundson's Clothing – exterior painting and restoration*
- n. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 418 West Water Street, *Northeast Iowa Montessori School – signs*
- o. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 503 East Main Street, *Sugar Bowl Ice Cream Company– install a walk-up window*

Roll call vote. Hadley abstained from voting citing a conflict of interest. He is the owner of Amundson's Clothing. Voting aye: Schissel, Carlson, Luse, Johnson, Bergan, Bellrichard. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on a lease agreement with Gundersen Health Systems for a hangar lease the hearing was opened.

City Manager Bird reviewed the terms of the lease. Attorney Anderson reviewed the remedies for breach of contract for both the City and Gundersen.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Carlson, second by Hadley, to approve the lease as presented.

Councilperson Bellrichard stated his conflict with this isn't that he doesn't want Gundersen to house the medical helicopter here but questions whether the city be subsidizing the project.

When this was first proposed it was to be cost neutral to the City. Believes the project should have been initially designed to fit the budget. The lease should be revised to pay more rent or increase time to make the city whole.

City Manager Bird explained recently received financing options have not been fully reviewed by staff.

Discussion was held on tabling until the financing options can be reviewed and a recommendation made.

The Mayor called for a vote on the motion as made and seconded. Voting aye: Carlson, Hadley, Johnson. Voting nay: Schissel, Bellrichard, Luse, Bergan. Motion failed.

Motion by Luse, second by Schissel, to table pending revision to Section 4 Rent. Roll call vote. Luse, Schissel, Johnson, Hadley, Bergan. Voting nay: Bellrichard, Carlson. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the plans/specs and estimate of cost for the 2018 Street and Alley Improvement Project the hearing was opened.

Engineer Lindsay Erdman gave a brief overview of the project and explained why he believes the project exceeds estimate by \$42,526.39. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Carlson, second by Bergan to adopt Resolution 2898 approving the plans/specs, estimate of cost and accepting the Skyline Construction bid of \$327,991.39. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1223 limiting the idling time of all motor vehicles was introduced and read for the first time.

Mayor Borowski wondered if this should be tabled for further discussion. Given all the exceptions it may be difficult for the Police Dept. to enforce.

Councilperson Hadley stated the intention of the ordinance was really meant to be educational.

Chief Nixon voiced his concern with a warning for the first offense. This places more responsibility on the dispatchers at a time when they are trying to streamline their process. Warning citations are not recorded so it would be very difficult to manage administratively.

Roger Hamilton, 309 Montgomery, stated he has a lock service business. Working out of his vehicle, parts and equipment need to be kept at a warm temperature. He would not be able to accomplish his work in 5 minutes allowed for an idling vehicle.

Keith Bruening, 1203 Linden St., Bruening Construction, also expressed concern regarding repair of water line breaks in winter. Repair materials and parts need to be kept at a minimum of 50 degrees. The idling times are simply not enough for business needs.

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse, to table until full council work session is held to discuss. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.