

**City of Decorah Utility Committee meeting minutes
Monday, June 18, 2018 – 6:30pm, immediately following the regular city council meeting.**

The City of Decorah Utility Committee met on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 6:30pm. Chair Andy Carlson called the meeting to order, Johanna Bergan, and Randy Schissel were in attendance.

Absent: Dan Bellrichard

Others in attendance included Mayor Lorraine Borowski, Steve Luse, and Ross Hadley. City Manager Chad Bird, and IT Director Chopper Albert.

Agenda

Discussion regarding electric utility franchise agreement

Carlson opened the meeting by discussing the general framework of the agreement. He also referenced some examples in other cities such as Fairfield, Iowa and discussed conditions in those agreements. He noted Fairfield to have a 25-year agreement with 5-year windows.

Through general conversations, the idea of holding a town hall listening post came up and several thought that idea might help generate some community discussion and ideas for what the public believes important to the community.

Matthew Cole, representing Alliant Energy add that, at a high level, he wants to see Decorah succeed and wants to align with the city's goals. He offered to meet and discuss re-assessing projects and community goals.

Bergan asked what type of time frame this assessment and agreement development might be on. Carlson replied, very soon.

Luse added that there should be discussions about renewable energy and community goals.

It was agreed that a community listening post should be set for Saturday, June 30 from 9:00 – 11:00am to engage the general public in the conversation.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.
Respectfully submitted,

