

**City of Decorah Council Work session
Monday, September 24, 2018 – 5:45pm**

The City Council met in a work session on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 5:345pm. Mayor Lorraine Borowski called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Randy Schissel, Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Ross Hadley, Johanna Bergan, and Kirk Johnson.

Others in attendance: City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

Topics for the table – priority for discussion

McClure Engineering consultants were present and reviewed some of the work they have completed on a transportation study. Ryan Davis reviewed several concepts related to new traffic patterns in the Northern area of the city. There was general conversation about grades, costs, and proposed development in these areas. A map of the street alignments was provided.

Succession planning

Mayor Borowski distributed a worksheet regarding succession planning for key department head or city employee positions. She encouraged the council to review the worksheet and begin to consider some of the key staffing positions that may be changing in the next couple of years.

Johnson recommended a personal committee meeting be set to continue this discussion.

Housing – strategies for research

Mayor Borowski engaged in a conversation about affordable housing and specifically asked about LMI housing and how to engage the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp in housing discussions.

There was discussion about possible locations.

Miscellaneous

Mayor Borowski asked the council if there is additional information needed regarding the Menards zoning amendment application. There was general discussion about some of the alternative sites.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:19pm.
Respectfully submitted,

