

**City of Decorah Council Budget and Finance Committee  
Monday, December 10, 2018 – 5:00pm**

The City of Decorah Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:00pm. Chair Randy Schissel called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Johanna Bergan, and Kirk Johnson.

Andy Carlson was absent.

Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Chad Bird, City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath, Library Director Kristin Torresdal, Police Chief Bill Nixon, Assistant Police Chief Dave Smutzler, and Water Superintendent Todd Ihde were also in attendance.

**Agenda**

1. Discussion regarding capital improvement projects

1. Library, water dept, other

*Schissel opened the meeting and asked Torresdal for an overview of library projects to be considered in a capital project.*

*Torresdal noted several structural issues including roofing, leaks in the roof and downspouts, roof top AC units, concrete steps, electrical, flooring, and furniture issues.*

*Bird and Ihde noted issues with some of the city's water storage units and Ihde explained the extent of proposed repairs to the Ronan Storage Tanks. There was brief conversation on the storage capacity of the tanks.*

*Johnson asked if the library might initiate a fundraising campaign for some of the funds. Bird noted that many of the items are structural and building maintenance and he said the taxpayers may expect the city to fund those costs.*

*Hemesath provided an overview of possible loan scenarios and noted she is negotiating with local banks on loan terms.*

*There was a brief conversation about the floor in the fire department and general consensus was that needed to be a bigger picture discussion from the standpoint of whether the fire department remains in the building or not.*

*Schissel thanked everyone for their time and noted the staff will complete the outline of the capital loan and bring final information to the full council for action.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

