

December 17, 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, Kirk Johnson, Johanna Bergan, Dan Bellrichard, Ross Hadley

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

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath recognized and thanked the following employees for their years of service:

Isaac Phillips	10 years
Deb Cook	30 years
Jeff Ode	10 years
Mandy Groth	15 years
Darron Sander	20 years
Erika Randall	5 years
Gordy Snitker	15 years
Kathy Haugen	15 years

Councilperson Schissel requested Item C on the agenda "Consider applying for membership in STAR at \$1,000 for annual membership" be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Bergan, second by Hadley, to remove Item C from the consent agenda and approve the remainder as presented.

- a. Minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Consider applying for membership in STAR at \$1,000 for annual membership -REMOVED
- d. Renewal Class B Hotel/Motel License for Hotel Winneshiek including Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area
- e. Renewal Class C Beer Permit for Nordic Express including Sunday Sales
- f. Resolution 2936 setting the date for public hearings on proposals to enter into General Obligation Agreements (January 7, 2019)
- g. PPE #4 2018 Hangar Improvements - \$46,757.02
- h. CO #4, Dry Run Trail Box Culvert Project - \$5,513.71
- i. PPE #5, Dry Run Trail Box Culvert Project - \$71,200.00
- j. C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 102 West Water Street, *The Get Up, new blade sign*
- k. C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 321 West Water Street, *Viking State Bank & Trust sign*
- l. C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 206 West Water Street, *T-Bock's - sign*
- m. C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 102 West Water Street, *Red Roxy, placement of storage building in rear*

Roll call vote. Voting aye: Bergan, Hadley, Schissel, Bellrichard, Carlson, Johnson. Voting nay: Luse. Motion carried.

Regarding Item C - Councilperson Schissel asked for clarification on the benefit of this expenditure.

Councilperson Hadley stated membership in STAR is needed to continue the work done to date. The reports provided by the program will identify a baseline whereby the impact of changes may be estimated.

Schissel stated he understands this may be a small amount in terms of our budget but the money could be put towards current, significant infrastructure needs such as the fire department floor, library and city hall repairs

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse, to approve the expenditure of \$1,000 for membership in the STAR program. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hadley, Luse, Bellrichard, Carlson, Bergan, Johnson. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Scott Timm, ISU Extension Outreach and former Sustainability Coordinator, Fairfield, Iowa, reviewed Fairfield's Sustainability Plan, the importance of having a sustainability plan and his role as coordinator.

After lengthy discussion there was general consensus to place consideration of moving forward with Sustainability Plan update on the next agenda.

Consideration of a waiver of sidewalk requirements at 710 Vernon St. was opened for discussion. City Manager Bird stated the slope and topography of the property make it impractical to install a sidewalk. Further, there is a potential safety issue if a sidewalk is installed in that area with how vehicles come down Vernon St. and turn left onto Upper Broadway.

There is a sidewalk on the South side of the property indicating an attempt at sidewalk code compliance by previous homeowners. A sidewalk on the west side is impractical due to grading and natural slope of the lot coming off of Upper Broadway.

Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a waiver, in perpetuity, from installation of a sidewalk on the West side of the property which is supported by staff.

Councilperson Luse stated concerns with granting a waiver in perpetuity.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson to approve the waiver as requested. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Carlson, Bellrichard, Bergan, Hadley, Johnson. Voting nay: Luse. Motion carried.

Motion by Bergan, second by Carlson to approve and certify the following 2018 residential tax abatement application: Rentak, LLC, 700 Fifth Ave., Unit 1. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Wanda Hemesath

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