

January 22, 2019

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

Kristin Torresdal, Library Director, reviewed the 2018 Library Annual Report.

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

- a. Minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class E Liquor License for Casey's General Store including Class B Native Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- d. PPE #5, 2018 Hangar Improvements - \$40,107.77
- e. C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 421 West Water Street, *Courtyard Cellar sign*
- f. Accept FY18 Audit Report

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson to approve an update of Council Rules of Procedure. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1231 amending the code of ordinances pertaining to city engineer was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley, to waive the third and final reading and place the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Bellrichard, to approve the Mayor appointment of Ryan Delany to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Bellrichard, to approve the Mayor re-appointment of Joel Zook to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilperson Schissel believes our boards should consist of individuals who are a little bit more business friendly. We were advised during the audit review our local option sales are down. Anytime we have the opportunity to bring in a large retailer we should work with them rather than drive them out. Additionally, we don't want people on this board who organize to push out established businesses that are here.

Mayor Borowski stated she appreciates the business aspect but also acknowledges all the work Mr. Zook has put into the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Councilperson Schissel responded "Past actions speak louder than future words".

Councilperson Luse asked what business was being pushed out of town. Schissel replied organizing to get Alliant Energy out of town. Though voters stood for what they wanted, it's not something a P & Z member should be doing.

Councilperson Carlson stated the option was just being looked at. No one said we were getting rid of Alliant.

Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Bellrichard, Carlson, Johnson, Hadley. Voting nay: Schissel. Abstain: Bergan due to familial relations. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.