

**City of Decorah Council Work session
Monday, October 22, 2018 – 5:15pm**

The City Council met in a work session on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 5:15pm. 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, City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath, Assistant City Attorney John Anderson and special bond counsel John Danos.

Agenda

Community Visioning Presentation

Jeremy and April Bril presented an overview of the recent Community Visioning work of the committee. They distributed various slides and boards to illustrate the working concepts in several areas of the community.

It was noted the committee would make a full presentation to the city council at a later date.

Discussion and Presentation on economic development tools

John Danos, Dorsey Whitney Law Firm

Danos reviewed many aspects of the State's code and economic development tools under Iowa Chapters 403 and 404. He discussed the pros and cons of each and how they may be used by a city council. He took questions from council and community members.

Echo Development Project

Mayor Borowski engaged in a conversation about this project and asked the council how they wished to proceed with the property tax incentive proposal on the table. There was general council support to bring the question back to the full council.

Miscellaneous

There was additional and general conversation about TIF and tax abatement policy.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.
Respectfully submitted,

