

**City of Decorah Council Budget and Finance Committee  
Monday, February 18, 2019 – 5:00pm**

The City of Decorah Budget & Finance Committee met on Monday, February 18, 2019 at 5:00pm. Chair Randy Schissel called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Johanna Bergan.

Absent: Andy Carlson and Kirk Johnson.

Mayor Lorraine Borowski, was also in attendance. Others in attendance: City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath and City Manager Chad Bird.

**Agenda**

1. Discussion regarding proposed FY20 budget

*Schissel opened the meeting and asked Bird and Hemesath to review the budget based on comments and recommendations coming out of the recent budget workshop.*

*Hemesath reviewed the reserve accounts and how they are used, their functionality, and how they are built over time.*

*Bird reviewed some suggestions for building balances in the reserve accounts.*

*Start with the end in mind, what is a desired balance*

*Save first*

*Levy for desired balances / takes levy rates*

*Bird said he would propose using the reserve accounts for the “wish list” purchases of PD office furniture and fire dept truck. He noted this action nearly deplete these accounts.*

*Hemesath reviewed the water / sewer rate adjustments.*

*Staff proposed 2% based on council policy of 1.95% and US at 2.3%*

*Bergan commented that the budget work session contains lots of information and it may be helpful to break the information in to two working sessions.*

*She suggested an overall presentation first then the work session to determine priorities.*

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 5:28pm.  
Respectfully submitted,

