

June 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:45 p.m.

Members present: Randy Schissel, Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Johanna Bergan, Ross Hadley, Kirk Johnson

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

Police Chief Bill Nixon presented the 2018 Annual Police Department report.

Llew Jenkins, Chairperson of the Main St. Iowa Committee, gave an overview of the program and requested council action at the next meeting to approve funding and authorize submittal of the application which is due June 24.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse to approve the consent agenda as presented. After he seconded the motion Luse then requested Item D. Special event permit for the Winneshiek County Republic Party be taken off the consent agenda as it was not submitted within the appropriate time frame. Further he doesn't believe it should be approved.

Schissel expressed concerns about a motion being made and seconded and then having a request to remove an item. He stated he was not willing to amend his motion.

Attorney Anderson stated anyone can request an item be removed from the agenda.

Mayor Borowski questioned the appropriateness of additional flags on a day the US Flag is flown – Flag Day, June 14.

City Manager Bird reminded council the Luther College and High School Flags were displayed over the Memorial Day weekend along with the US Flag.

Tom Hansen, representing the Republican Party, stated displaying President Trumps flag on June 14 is in recognition of the Presidents Birthday. He is requesting the 30 days be waived as they are not asking for any street closures or other work to prepare for the event to be done. He reminded the council the Pride Parade Event has happened 2x without a hitch. There is no reason this event should be any different.

Councilperson Johnson believes "Make America Great Again" is a campaign slogan which makes this a campaign flag. Councilperson Bergan agreed saying the campaign slogan is the only thing that gives her pause. Councilperson Carlson agreed saying if it only said "Trump" it would be ok.

Councilperson Schissel stated he is hearing this is simply "freedom from expression" some don't agree with.

Councilperson Luse stated, being a non-partisan body, we need we have a responsibility to reflect the values of the whole community not just the republican party. Suggested the flag policy be amended limiting political flags.

Motion by Schissel, second by Johnson to approve the Special Event Application. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Johnson, Bergan. Voting nay: Luse, Bellrichard, Hadley, Carlson. Motion failed.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract, estimated total cost and awarding of contract for the Oneota Drive Bridge Reconstruction project the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Bergan to adopt Resolution 2969 approving the plans/specifications, form of contract and awarding the contract for the Oneota Drive Bridge Project to Brennen Construction for

\$891,591.01. This includes division two alternates for additional improvements to the diversion channel. Total city share: \$234,657.80. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1234 approving the proposed zoning code amendment, Chapter 17.44.010 procedures for applications for rezoning real estate was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Carlson, Hadley, Johnson. Voting nay: Bellrichard, Bergan, Luse. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel to waive the 3rd and final reading. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Luse, second by Bergan to approve a professional services agreement with Peters Construction Inc. for construction management services for the public library renovations. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Luse, to adopt Resolution 2970 approving the contract with AFSCME, Local 3483 for FY20-FY22. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bergan, second by Bellrichard to approve Resolution 2971 setting July 1, 5:45 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider an 80/20 voluntary annexation, including land owned by non-consenting property owner, in the vicinity of the Downing Commercial Subdivision and directing mailing of notice. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bergan, second by Bellrichard, to approve Resolution 2972 setting July 1, 5:45 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider an 80/20 voluntary annexation, including land owned by non-consenting property owner, in the vicinity of the Decorah Business Park subdivision and directing mailing of notice. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Carlson, to approve a 5-year agreement with the Northeast Iowa Fox and Coon Association and authorizing the Mayor to sign. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding proposed zoning code amendments, 2012 Comprehensive Plan amendment. The following were brought up for consideration:

- Should it be noted it is an update rather than a new plan
- Should reference to alternate routes to the north be mentioned – the completed transportation study
- Should residential development patterns be mentioned
- Should there be mention of the Brewery Industry
- Should maps of the historic district be mentioned and that the college is in the process of applying for historic designation
- Should mention be made of work being done on implementation of complete streets

Meeting adjourned on motion.



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