

**City of Decorah Community Betterment Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 5:00pm.**

The City of Decorah Community Betterment Committee met on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 5:00pm. Chairman Johanna Bergan called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Ross Hadley, Steve Luse, and Randy Schissel. Mayor Lorraine Borowski and Dan Bellrichard were also in attendance. Others in attendance: Staff, City Clerk Wanda Hemesath and City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

Discussion regarding Main Street Iowa application and funding

Bergan opened the meeting by reviewing the overall Main Street program and approach and by sharing work completed by the local steering committee.

Bergan and Luse shared the proposed local budget and noted it reflects a city financial commitment of \$20,000 in the first year, \$30,000 in the second, and \$50,000 in the third. It was shared this is a draft and that budgets may change as the organization changes.

There was some discussion about the proposal to allocate these contributed funds from the city's hotel / motel revenues. Discussion centered on impacts to other organizations and uses currently being supported by the hotel / motel funding.

Mayor Borowski asked if the hotel / motel funding couldn't be used for some of the city's critical infrastructure needs. There was discussion about using it for roads and library renovations.

Hadley noted it may be a slippery slope to allocate hotel / motel funds to streets and roads.

Mayor Borowski noted she objected to using hotel / motel monies for the Main Street budget and wanted further study and discussion on the matter.

Bird and Hemesath stated they believed there are sufficient fund balance monies in the hotel / motel fund to support the first year of the program's budget and this would then provide adequate time to study any other financial impacts on organization use and commitments.

There was some general discussion about over all use of hotel / motel and the committee expressed a desire to explore and discuss other ways to allocate funds regardless of the Main Street Iowa outcomes.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

