

October 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 7:00 p.m.

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

Police Chief Smutzler introduced Brent Parker, Assistant Chief of Police at which time a family member presented him with the assistant badge.

Kristina Wiltgen, Director, Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce, gave an update on Chamber activities and reviewed the branding and marketing initiative.

Mayor Borowski declared the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day after a brief background given by Nori Hadley.

Motion by Carlson, second by Schissel, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of September 16, Sept 23 and Oct 2, 2019 meetings
- b. Claims
- c. Consider Special event application (flag display) celebrating inauguration of Luther College President, Friday, November 1, - Monday, November 4, 2019
- d. PPE #1 East Broadway Alley Project - \$40,402.74

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on a proposed lease agreement with Rowley Aviation Properties, Inc., for airport hangar improvements, the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Carlson, second by Schissel, to table Resolution 3008 approving the proposed lease with Rowley Aviation Properties.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed plans/specs, cost estimates, form of contract and to consider the bids for the 2019 Ridge Road Improvement Project, Phase 1, Lower Ridge Road the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Luse, second by Bergan, to adopt Resolution 3009 approving the plans/specs, cost estimate, form of contract and award the bid for the 2019 Ridge Road Improvement Project, Phase 1, Lower Ridge Road to Skyline Construction - \$157,964.69.

Short discussion was held on approval process of any change orders. General consensus that council will review and approve any proposed change orders.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on zoning code amendments to Chapter 17 – sections 17.08, 17.64, 17.68, 17.88, 17.92, 17.96, 17.100, 17.104, 17.106, 17.108, 17.112, 17.116, of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah, Iowa by amending the definitions, procedures, and allowances for solar energy systems in the City of Decorah the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1237 amending Chapter 17 – sections 17.08, 17.64, 17.68, 17.88, 17.92, 17.96, 17.100, 17.104, 17.106, 17.108, 17.112, 17.116, of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah, Iowa by amending the definitions, procedures, and allowances for solar energy systems in the City of Decorah was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Hadley, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Neal, to adopt Resolution 3010 approving a temporary easement for construction agreement for storm water improvements with Jeremy S. and April A. Bril, for 1313 Skyline Dr and with Jared A. and Joelle D. Nielsen, for 1311 Skyline Dr. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Neal to adopt Resolution 3011 approving a separate Permanent Easement agreement for Storm Sewer Improvements with Jeremy S. and April A. Bril for 1313 Skyline Dr., and with Jared A. and Joelle D. Nielsen for 1311 Skyline Dr. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bergan, second by Luse to approve the Mayor appointment of Laura Wright to the Human Rights Commission. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, second by Neal to approve the Mayor appointment of Peter Sharp to the Telecommunications Board of Trustees. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on voluntary no-idling education and signage.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.