

December 16, 2019

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

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

Kory Courtney and Greg Eide, Nordic Fest Board Members, reviewed proposed location changes for the Beer Garden/entertainment during the fest. They propose to relocate it to the block in front of Vesterheim. The entertainment will be much scaled down compared to previous years.

Kate Rattenborg, 813 Ridge Road, spoke against the proposal saying putting a beer garden in a family friendly environment is very inappropriate. Vesterheim is a key point for children and families along with the visitors' center. She is adamantly opposed.

Chris Johnson, CEO Vesterheim, stated they want to continue to be a key part of Nordic Fest and want to be a good community partner. However, they are concerned with the effect on the atmosphere of the family friendly activities and environment they have. It's not really compatible with what the museum is trying to do.

There was general consensus that the Council is not opposed to having the venue on Water St. The Nordic Fest will continue discussion with the museum and explore other potential sites.

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath recognized the following employees for years of service and presented each with a "years of service" pin:

Cory Syverson, Street Dept – 20 years
Rick Bohr, Ass't Water Supt – 35 years
Judy Krauskopf, Police Dept – 25 years
Wanda Hemesath, City Clerk, Tr. – 40 years

Chief of Police Smutzler introduced new police officer Nicholas Yaneff. City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath administered the Oath of Office to Officer Yaneff.

Motion by Hadley to table Item F., Resolution 3026, and to approve the rest of the consent agenda as presented. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Schissel, second by Bergan to approve the consent agenda as presented with Item F. being contingent upon review by the Department of Public Safety.

- a. Minutes December 2, 2019 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 206 West Water Street, Two Bocks, Inc – T-Bock's – install lighting on existing sign
- d. Resolution 3024 setting February 3, 2020, 5:45 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed FY21 budget
- e. Resolution 3025, approving an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for Surface Transportation Block Grant Program Federal-aid SWAP, funding for 2020 Locust Road Improvement Project
- f. Resolution 3026, approving a 28e agreement for 911 Communication Services between Winneshiek County, City of Decorah, and Winneshiek County Emergency Management Commission
- g. Resolution 3028 entering into a professional services agreement with CGA for airport driveway and parking lot improvements
- h. Resolution 3029, resolution obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financed obligations – *Rebound Hospitality – FY20 payment \$114,347*
- i. Resolution 3030, resolution obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financed obligations which shall come due in the next succeeding fiscal year – *Rebound Hospitality – FY21 allocation \$118,579.82*
- j. Resolution 3031, resolution obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financed obligations – *Kar Auto Group – FY20 payment \$25,494.53*
- k. Resolution 3032, resolution obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financed obligations which shall come due in the next succeeding fiscal year – *Kar Autor Group – FY21 allocation \$22,179.34*

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1241 amending Title 16 pertaining to subdivisions was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Carlson, second by Schissel to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Bergan to waive the final reading thereby placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse to approve the FY21 Street Improvement Plan. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Carlson, to approve Resolution 3033 authorizing submission of applications for FAA Federal Airport Improvement Project (AIP) FY21 CIP and certifying eligibility requirements. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Carlson, second by Luse to approve and certify the following 2019 residential tax abatement applications:

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| a. | Michael and Karen Boguslawski, 2436 Red Oak Road | single family | completed November 2019 |
| b. | Michael and Lori Kelly, 2414 Red Oak Road | single family | completed October 2019 |
| c. | Mark and Cindy Albers, 603 Stapleton Drive | single family | completed November 2019 |

Additions – Garages or improvements

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| a. | Brian Fuhrmann, 407 Decorah Avenue | single family improvements | completed winter 2019 |
| b. | Ellen Wilke, 719 West Main Street | single family improvements | completed October 2019 |

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.