

City of Decorah Community Betterment Committee Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2019 – Immediately following the regular city council meeting, approximately 6:30pm.

The City of Decorah Community Betterment Committee met on Monday, November 4, 2019 at approximately 6:30pm, immediately following the regular city council meeting.

Chairman Johanna Bergan called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Ross Hadley, Steve Luse, and Randy Schissel. Mayor Lorraine Borowski, Kirk Johnson, and Emily Neal were also in attendance. Others in attendance: City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath and City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

Discussion regarding city flag policy

Bergan opened the meeting by reviewing the city's current flag policy and sharing a copy from another city's policy example she had located. She reviewed that policy and said she really liked the example because it removed the request and special event aspect of the policy and took the position the City is the speaker and is setting the conditions under which flags are flown.

Schissel recommend the policy return to its base condition which is to allow for the US, National, School, and Luther College flags only.

Bergan stressed the importance to her of including the Pride Flags in the policy.

Hadley noted he liked the separation of the sample policy in that it set a standard and then allowed others by deliberation action of the council via resolution.

The Committee asked Bird to consult with the city attorney about these issues.

Discussion regarding Chapter 16; subdivisions

Bird noted there are amendments to the subdivision ordinance being proposed by staff. He stated the proposed changes are a complete review of the chapter as it had not been reviewed last or amended since 1993.

The Committee reviewed the sum of the changes and Bird drew their attention to a few key sections such as removal of hydrant and water reimbursements and some language changes for using SUDAS specifications where possible.

The Committee agreed to draft the ordinance and bring to full council for consideration.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

