

April 20, 2020

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

The meeting was held electronically as meeting in person was impossible or impractical due to COVID19 regulations.

The Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to meeting being held electronically

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

Ann Mansfield spoke about the coordinated groups working on making masks. Over 2500 masks have been made and distributed to healthcare workers, public safety and others.

Motion by Bergan, second by Carlson to approve the items of the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of the April 6, 2020 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. New Class C Beer Permit for Kwik Star including Class B Wine and Sunday Sales privileges
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for B.P.O.E Elks including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales privileges
- e. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine Permit for Dixies Biergarten including Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area privileges
- f. New Class C Liquor License for Magpie including Sunday Sales
- g. Renewal Class B Beer Permit for Toppling Goliath including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales privileges
- h. Resolution 3067, setting a public hearing on the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract, estimated total cost of the public improvement and award of contract therefor for the 2020 Locust Road & Utility Improvement Project (*laDOT letting, hearing on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:45pm*)
- i. Resolution 3068 setting a public hearing for the proposed FY20 Budget Amendment – May 18, 2020 5:45 pm
- j. Resolution 3069 approving unbudgeted transfers for Debt Service payments
- k. Resolution 3070 approving a professional services agreement with McClure Engineering for design review and construction oversight of private corporate hangar, Decorah Airport

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, estimated total cost and accepting the bid for the 2020 Airport Driveway Improvement Project the hearing was opened.

City Manager Bird advised this project will be funded at 100%, rather than 90/10 due to COVID19.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Luse, second by Hadley, to adopt Resolution 3065 approving the plans/specs, forms of contract and awarding the bid to Wicks Construction, \$339,872.50, for the 2020 Airport Driveway Improvement Project. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing to consider bids for lease of airport farm land the hearing was opened.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to approve Resolution 3066 approving a 3-year lease agreement with Dave Holthaus, and accepting the \$190.00/acre to be planted in grass/hay. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing regarding Chapter 5.28 Rental Property, Short Term Rentals the hearing was opened.

City Manager Bird advised one individual had asked for a copy of the proposed ordinance and 1 individual requested the public hearing be postponed until meetings are held in person again.

Melissa Koch, 305 W Broadway, expressed concerns about the effects of short-term housing on affordable housing and neighborhoods. Believes we need to decide if we care more about tourists or residents. They moved here because of community and short-term rentals harm community.

City Manager Bird advised the Planning and Zoning Commission looked at the concentration of short-term housing in the community and the zoning districts affected. There didn't seem to be any overcrowding in any area.

Ordinance 1245 regarding Chapter 5.28 Rental Property, Short Term Rentals was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Bergan, second by Schissel, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1246 providing for a tax to be levied and collected each year on all property (except residential) located within the Downtown Decorah Self-Support Municipal Improvement District was introduced and read for the first time.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Luse, second by Neal, to approve Utility Billing Policy 20-01 regarding Water/Sewer Service Billing. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.