

January 21, 2020

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

Motion by Luse, second by Carlson to approve the agenda. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Jim Beeghly, 900 Walnut St., stated that during a recent committee meeting regarding Bruening Subdivision Sidewalks, he understood 900 and 904 Walnut will be taken out of the final plan along with the other areas of Walnut St. that were removed. In looking at the final plans it shows these lots still in.

Meeting notes and the final plan will be reviewed.

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- a. Minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class LC Liquor License for Oneota Lanes including Sunday Sales
- d. Consider Professional Services Agreement with McClure Engineering Company for preliminary and final roadway and storm water design for proposed College Drive and Quarry Road Improvement Project
- e. Resolution 3039, setting a date for a public hearing on a master lease agreement with US Cellular for small cell towers (*Monday, February 17, 2020 – 5:45pm*)
- f. Resolution 3040, setting a date for a public hearing on proposed plans and specifications, estimate of cost, and proposed form of contract for the construction of the Decorah 2020 Ridge Road Street Improvements, Phase Two – Upper Ridge Road Project and directing the City Engineer to post notice for taking of bids (*Monday, February 17, 2020 – 5:45pm*)
- g. Resolution 3042, approving 28e agreements for 911 Communication Services between Winneshiek County, City of Decorah, and Winneshiek County Emergency Management Commission

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and date for a public hearing on a lease agreement with Alliant Energy for placement of an electric battery storage facility on city park land the hearing was opened.

A letter from Kermit Nordheim and Steve Nordheim was read strongly objecting to the placement of this storage battery. Location will be approximately 18' from their property. Being dairy farmers they are concerned with stray voltage from the battery or from the solar inverter. Stray voltage has the potential to destroy milk production of entire dairy herds.

Rick Zimmerman, Alliant Energy, stated this installation is complete with grounding systems which will eliminate any stray voltage. Monitors will be in place and the unit will shut down if stray voltage is found. Fencing will also be placed as an additional security measure.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson to approve Resolution 3043 approving a lease agreement with Alliant Energy for placement for an electric battery storage facility on city park land. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.