

January 6, 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

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath recognized employee Lisa Kruse, Police Dept. for 20 years of service.

Chief of Police Smutzler introduced new police officers Dustin Van Gundy and Adam Ytzen. City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath administered the Oath of Office to each.

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

- a. Minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class LB Hotel/Motel License for Hotel Winneshiek including Outdoor Service Area, Sunday Sales and Catering privileges
- d. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Mabe's including Sunday Sales
- e. Renewal Class LB Liquor License for Casey's General Store, Old Stage Road, including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- f. Consider Policy Regarding Use of City Vehicles
- g. Resolution 3034 authorizing transfer from the General Fund to Gundersen Hangar Improvement Fund
- h. Resolution 3035, adding streetlights (2) to Kerr Drive at Short Street
- i. Resolution 3036, setting a date for a public hearing on entering into a lease agreement with Alliant Energy
- j. Resolution 3037, accepting the Decorah 2019 East Broadway Alley Improvement Project as complete and determining the total cost of project
- k. Resolution 3038, adopting the special assessment schedule for the Decorah 2019 East Broadway Alley Improvement Project

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of Council Rules of Procedure was opened for discussion. After considerable discussion, motion by Bergan, second by Schissel, to table til February 3 and to discuss at the January work session. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Carlson to approve the following appointments as voted on by the Volunteer Fire Dept:

Mike Ashbacher – Fire Chief
Jeff Clement – 1st Assistant
Lee Bjerke – 2nd Assistant

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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| i. | Timothy Fechner, 2432 Red Oak Road | single family | Completed December 2019 |
| Additions – Garages or improvements | | | |
| a. | Greg & Beth Eide, 105 East Rural Avenue | single family / improvements | Completed July 2019 |
| b. | Gary Ronnie & Kari Hanson, 504 Washington St | single family / improvements | Completed July 2019 |
| c. | Jim & Donna Berg, 701 East Water Street | single family / improvements | Completed November 2019 |

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Bergan to approve the Mayor appointment of Mary Ann Humpal to the Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority Board. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Neal to approve the Mayor appointment of Pete Marso to the Airport Commission. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Bergan to approve the following Mayor re-appointments to the MetroNet Board:

Chad Bird – primary
Chopper Albert – alternate

Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Bergan, Luse, Neal, Carlson, Johnson. Voting nay: Hadley. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski announced the following appointments:

Mayor Pro-Tempore -Randy Schissel

Budget and Finance – *Schissel, Bergan, Carlson, Johnson

Community Betterment – *Bergan, Hadley, Luse, Schissel

Economic Development & Property -*Luse, Hadley, Johnson, Neal

Personnel, Negotiating and Insurance - *Johnson, all members of the council

Public Safety - *Neal, Bergan, Carlson, Hadley

Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks - *Hadley, Neal, Johnson, Schissel

Water, Sewer, Public Lights and Utilities - *Carlson, Luse, Bergan, Schissel

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.