

City of Decorah Community Betterment Committee Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020 – *Immediately following the regular city council meeting.*

The City of Decorah Community Betterment Committee met on Monday, January 6, 2020 at approximately 6:55pm, 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, Andy Carlson, and Emily Neal were also in attendance. Others in attendance: City Manager Chad Bird and several Dept Heads.

Agenda

Discussion and Review of the Draft Decorah 2020 Sustainability Plan

Bergan opened the meeting by reviewing the city's draft Sustainability Plan and then turned facilitation of discussion over to Neal.

Neal reviewed the task force's timeline for drafting the plan and then walked through an implementation planning sheet with the committee.

Neal noted that some of the timelines and cost estimates have been removed from the draft plan. She also noted the water section and local spending sections have been modified from early versions.

Neal and Hadley asked Bird to explain the difference between adopting the plan by motion versus resolution. Bird noted a motion might be simpler and easier for the Council to amend the draft in the future. He noted a resolution would be more formal and would be recommended if there were a case to present along with adoption. Most agreed a motion would be the best method for adoption.

The committee engaged in discussion regarding forming a sustainability commission and Bird noted that would be done by drafting an ordinance. The committee directed him to begin work on such an ordinance.

The committee noted they would like to see the sustainability plan presented to the city council on February 17, 2020.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,

