

March 16, 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

Public Comment - None

Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley to approve the consent agenda.

- a. Minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. New Class E Liquor License for Hy Vee Stores including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for T-Bocks including Sunday Sales
- e. New Special Class C Beer/Wine license for The Landing Market including Class B Native Wine, Class B Wine and Sunday Sales privileges
- f. Consider Hy-Vee Tobacco Permit
- g. **Resolution 3057**, a resolution setting a date for a public hearing on the airport project – entrance road and driveway for *April 20, 2020 at 5:45pm*
- h. Grace Episcopal Church request for handicap parking space from 9 am to 11 am Sunday mornings
- i. **Resolution 3060**, setting a public hearing on City Code amendments, Chapter 5.28 – rental housing permits, including short-term housing rentals in the City of Decorah; *April 20, 2020 at 5:45pm*
- j. Special event application for Vesterheim Syttende Mai, May 17, 2020 9 am – 2 pm
- k. Special event application for Earth Day 2020; April 22 for street closure on the 300 Block of West Water – 2:00pm – 9:00pm
- l. Authorize Mayor to sign an order accepting the settlement agreement with Walmart regarding Walmart tobacco violation

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed FY21 budget the hearing was opened. City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath gave a brief overview of the budget. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to adopt Resolution 3058 approving the FY21 budget as presented including the proposed FY21 salary matrix for non-union and exempt personnel based on the adopted compensation plan. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on a proposal to establish a Self-Supporting Municipal Improvement District the hearing was opened. Andy Nelson, SSMID Board, gave a brief history of the past 20 years of improvements made in the SSMID area due to this self-imposed tax.

There being no further comments the hearing was closed.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on an easement agreement with Vesterheim for use of public ROW on Mill and Mechanic Streets the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to adopt Resolution 3059 approving an easement agreement with Vesterheim Museum, Mill St and Mechanic St for use of public ROW. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Carlson, to approve a C-3 Commercial Design Review application for 523 West Water Street, Norwegian-American Museum – park and outdoor exhibit spaces. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Hadley, to approve the site plan for 523 West Water Street, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum-park and outdoor exhibit spaces. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1244 establishing the Decorah Sustainability Commission was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Hadley, to approve the first reading using Option B. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Hadley, Neal, Carlson, Johnson, Bergan. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1242 increasing water rates by 2% was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Bergan, second by Carlson, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1243 increasing sewer rates by 2% was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Carlson, second by Schissel, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse to approve a professional services agreement from Erdman Engineering and WHKS for Pole Line Road Bridge Replacement. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Bergan, to accept of 2020 Bi-annual Bridge Inspection Report. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of an Emergency Action measure per section 21.4 (2) of State of Iowa Code regarding approval of COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan for city staff and public facilities was opened for discussion.

The Emergency Response Plan is to provide for the safety, health and well-being of employees and their families and thereby help ensure the continuation of essential services provided by the City.

Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley, to approve the COVID-19 emergency response plan for city staff and public utilities. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.