

**City of Decorah Council Work Session
Monday, October 26, 2020 – 5:00pm**

Electronic meeting pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8 – In circumstances where such a meeting is impossible or impractical due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing for the safety of Council members and the public.

In support of Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds' proclamation declaring a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency in Iowa, the current COVID-19 situation makes it "impossible and impractical" to meet in one location. Due to this the Decorah City Hall was open to the public for the October 26, 2020 City Council meeting. However, seating was limited to ensure proper social distancing. Seating was available on a first-come, first served basis. However, the meeting was made available telephonically.

The City of Decorah Council Work Session was held on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 5:00pm.

The City Council met in a work session on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 5:00pm. Mayor Lorraine Borowski called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Emily Neal, Steve Luse, Ross Hadley, Steve Zittergruen, and Kirk Johnson.

Absent: Randy Schissel and Andy Carlson.

Others in attendance: City Clerk / Treasurer Wanda Hemesath and City Manager Chad Bird.

Agenda

1. Discussion regarding street projects and visioning projects
 1. North Alley / Heivly Street
Hadley asked the council to think about visioning on Heivly and North Alley parking, especially in the context of solar and solar type canopies that might provide cover for vehicles and / or the farmer's market.

There was limited discussion and some thoughts on future school plans and designs and some proposed stormwater improvements in the area as well.
 2. Continued discussion on FY22 street improvement plan
Hadley and Bril discussed options for the FY22 street improvement plan. There was conversation about Pole Line Road and possible uses for truck routing.

There was considerable discussion about East Main and the proposed improvements. Bril noted some need to consider utility improvement and he noted this could significantly increase the costs.

The council agreed Pole Line Road and East Main Street should be priorities for FY22.
 3. Snow removal policies
Hadley asked the council to consider snow removal options downtown. He noted the concern was with the different times for removal between the streets and the sidewalks with the sidewalks usually cleared much later. The sidewalk snow then ends up being pushed to the curb.

Hadley asked for more discussion on the matter.
 4. ADA transition plan
Hadley introduced some information relative to sidewalk transition plans and asked for input.

Bird and Bril shared information regarding contact they have had with Upper Explorerland representatives.

Hemesath shared information about the legal requirement for a city to have a ADA compliance officer.

There was general discussion about plan development.

2. Discussion and review of administrative and financial policies

This item was not discussed given the members of the council not present and the lateness of the hour.

In other business:

Bird distributed the council goals from March and asked them to revisit the goals for possible adoption by the council in November.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Council Work Session Meetings

Special work sessions are scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month at a time agreeable by council or set by the Mayor. The purpose of the work session is to review upcoming action items, to plan and conduct research, or review items for possible action. A special work session may be called by the Mayor or upon petition of three members of the council and shall require notice in compliance with Iowa law; a verbal / written notification shall be given by the Mayor to each Council member. Only matters placed on the agenda for the work session meeting shall be discussed.