

January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers and electronically for those that meeting in person was impossible or impractical due to COVID19 regulations.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Emily Neal, Ross Hadley, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, Steven Zittergruen.

Absent: Kirk Johnson.

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

- a. Minutes of the January 4, 2021 regular meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renew Class E Liquor License for Fareway including Class B Wine and Class C Beer privileges
- d. Renew Class E Liquor License for Casey's including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- e. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 212 Winnebago Street, *Anderson Law Offices, new sign*
- f. **Resolution 3153**, setting February 15, 2021, 5:45 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing on a request for rezoning of property; *Allan J Dahlen and Patricia J Dahlen, for land along Old Stage Road and in Section 14 and Section 23, Township 98 North, Range 8 West of the Fifth P.M., all within the City of Decorah, Winneshiek County, Iowa parcels from F-1 Floodplain to C-4 Shopping Center Commercial*

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1261 amending Chapter 17 relating to storage containers was introduced and read for the second time.

Motion by Luse, second by Schissel, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Schissel, Zittergruen, Hadley, Neal. Voting nay: Carlson. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1264 amending Chapters 2.16 and 2.48 of the City Code related to the status of the Chief of Police.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to approve the second reading. Chief Smutzler voiced concerns about the following language in the ordinance: "Be directly responsible to the council for the administration of municipal affairs as set forth in this chapter. All departments of the city shall report and be responsible to the city manager. The city manager has the power to prepare, adopt, and implement personnel and financial rules and procedures necessary for the conduct of all departments under the city manager's control so long as any such rule is consistent with the City Code and Iowa Law. The city manager retains sole discretion to resolve any conflict between policies of all departments of the city so long as the resolution of any such conflicts is consistent with City Code and Iowa law". He voiced concerns that department heads didn't realize this language was being proposed until this morning.

Councilperson Neal stated it should go back to committee for review and to give department heads the opportunity to speak to the language. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Luse. Voting nay: Neal, Carlson, Zittergruen, Hadley. Motion failed. Second reading and ordinance fails.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to approve and certify the following 2020 residential tax abatement applications:

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| a. | Kelly Building Systems (Mike Kelly), 2412 Red Oak Road | multi-family | completed March 2021 |
| b. | Ben Rustad, 2413 Red Oak Road | multi-family | completed June 1, 2020 |

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.