

March 1, 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, Kirk Johnson.

Jessica Rilling, new Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce Director, introduced herself and gave a brief update on what the Chamber is current working on.

Chief of Police Smutzler review the 2020 Annual Police Dept Report

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

- a. Minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Approve agreements with Erdman Engineering and WHKS for construction administration services for the 2021 Pole Line Road Bridge Reconstruction project
- d. Resolution 3169, Declaring Necessity and Providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Urban Revitalization Plan for the Decorah Commerce Drive Urban Revitalization Area

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and taking of bids for the 2021 Pole Line Road Project the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson, to adopt Resolution 3170 approving the plans/specs, form of contract and awarding the bid to Skyline Construction - \$1,101,636.36 for the 2021 Pole Line Road Project. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the plans/specs, form of contract and taking of bids for the 2021 Dry Run Plaza the hearing was opened.

Harlan Satrom, 402 Upper Broadway, spoke in support of the project. He indicated \$168,000 in donations has been raised. Feels this is a perfect example of a public/private partnership.

Motion by Johnson, second by Luse, to approve the base bid, submitted by Wicks Construction - \$123,000. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Short discussion was held on holding consideration of alternate costs until additional funding is secured.

Motion by Johnson, second by Carlson to adopt Resolution 3168 approving an agreement with AFSCME, Local 3483 for FY22 salary increases – 1.65%. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Neal, to approve the proposed Line of Duty Fatality Policy. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

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

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| a. | Herbert Hageman, 300 Pleasant Hill Drive | single-family improvements | completed December 2020 |
| b. | Travis Uhlenhake, 2398 Red Oak Road | single-family improvements | completed January 2021 |

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.