

April 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 COVID-19 regulations.

Member present: Ross Hadley, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, Steven Zittergruen, Kirk Johnson

Absent: Emily Neal

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

- a. Minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. C-3 Commercial Design Review 302 Washington St – Minowa Beverage Works, LLC
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for B.P.O.E. Elks' #443 including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales privileges
- e. Request to use two parking spots west of Oneota Co-op April 30/May 15, 10 – 1:00 p.m.
- f. Special Event Application Decorah Pride Festival, October 9, 2021 12:00 – 5:30 Lower Co-op Parking Lot
- g. Request to close Washington St. from Water to Main, Thursday, May 20, 7:00 am– 1:30 pm for the Annual School Patriotic Concert
- h. Special Event Application Pulpit2Pulpit, July 3, 8 – 10 am

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The Winneshiek County Ag Association had withdrawn their revised plan at 308 Sumner Ave., no action needed.

Interim City Manager Wanda Hemesath went over the quote of \$27,868.00 for the purchase of a 2021 Ford Explorer Hybrid. This price would be with the consideration of two vehicles being traded in which include a 2014 Explorer and a 2015 Explorer.

Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley to purchase the new vehicle with anything beyond \$25,000.00 be funded by the sustainability fund.

Ross Hadley pointed out that the purchase of a hybrid vehicle would fall under the sustainability plan.

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1272 creating Chapter 15.12 Building Codes was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Luse and seconded by Schissel to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, seconded by Hadley to waive the third reading and place Ordinance 1272 on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Schissel, Hadley, Zittergruen, Johnson. Voting nay: Carlson. Motion failed.

City Engineer Jeremy Bril and Attorney John Anderson went through the Board of Supervisors request for input to vacate Ice Cave Road and convey any rights in the right of way to the City of Decorah. Anderson explained that the City Council could annex Ice Cave Road but there is a chance of this including Quarry Hill Road and Van Peenan Park. The County has no plans to improve or maintain Ice Cave Road. If the Board of Supervisors chose to vacate the road, the land will automatically go back to the original owner, which is Decorah Parks Commission according to Beacon.

Ross Hadley would support vacation and acceptance with the County's assistance in closing the road to vehicular traffic.

Randy Schissel stated that the County wants to get rid of legal and financial maintenance of the road, so why would we want to take on financial responsibility for it.

Steve Zittergruen pointed out that if the County vacates the road it does not end the City's options for the road.

Andy Nimrod explained that keeping access to Ice Cave and Dunning Springs is important right now. This area is the most popular at this time. This is also not going to be without cost though. This City has to be willing to take it on.

Councilperson Schissel made a motion to table the discussion on the Ice Cave Road until we can get a better idea of cost. No second. Motion dies.

Mayor Borowski announced that there will be two openings on the Civil Service Commission. One individual would like to be replaced and the other individual's term is up and they would not like to be reappointed.

Meeting adjourned by motion.

Keri Sand

Deputy City Clerk