

May 17, 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: Ross Hadley, Andy Carlson, Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, Steven Zittergruen, Kirk Johnson, Emily Neal

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath introduced Renee Hill, new Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's Office.

Joe Hammel, 108 W. Water St., Hammel Jewelers, spoke of concerns about using parking spots for drinking coffee and eating. For 20 years, Decorah has been meeting to discuss parking concerns and not having enough parking. Utilizing spaces for outdoor dining will cause difficulty for elderly in finding a place to park and who can't walk as easily. Believes there are better ways to utilize parking spaces.

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

- a. Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 3194 accepting Ridge Road Improvements, Phase 2 Upper Ridge Road as complete and authorizing release of retainage
- d. Renewal Class B Beer Permit for Toppling Goliath including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales privileges
- e. Renewal Class B Beer for Pulpit Rock Brewery including Outdoor Service Area and Sunday Sales privileges
- f. Renewal Class C Beer for Kwik Star, Short St., including Class B Wine and Sunday Sales privileges
- g. Renewal Class C Beer for Kwik Star, Montgomery St., including Class B Wine and Sunday Sales privileges
- h. Resolution 3190 accepting Quarry St. Improvements as complete and authorizing release of retainage
- i. Request to reserve 15 to 20 parking spaces at the west end of North Alley for the Mustang Club, Friday, May 21, 2021, 4 to 6 p.m.
- j. Resolution 3192 setting June 7, 5:45 pm. as the date and time for a public hearing for a rezoning request at 1506 Laurel Drive from A-1 Agriculture to R-2 Single to Four Family Residential (unanimous PZ approval)
- k. Resolution 3193 setting June 21, 5:45 pm as the date and time for a public hearing to amend Chapter 15.04 C-3 Design Criteria – sign permit approval (unanimous PZ approval)
- l. Resolution 3173 rejecting all bids for the 2021 Ice Cave Steps Project
- m. Resolution 3187 setting June 21, 5:45 pm as the date and time for a Public Hearing for a Driveway Easement with 3chicsrentals, LLC
- n. Approve Utility Easement with 3chicsrental, LLC
- o. Approve Flood Control Project Maintenance Easement with 3chicsrental, LLC
- p. Approve C-3 Design Application for a mural for Vesterheim Museum, 520 W. Water St.

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed FY21 budget amendment the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Zittergruen, to approve Resolution 3191 approving the proposed FY21 budget amendment. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Revocation of curbside pickup spot privileges was opened for discussion. Councilperson Luse requested this item be placed on the agenda for reconsideration after action at the May 3, 2021 meeting. Luse was in the prevailing vote. He explained his no vote was due to wanting to give notice to establishments using parking spots for curbside pickup that consideration was being given to revoking said privilege.

Motion by Luse, second by Schissel, to revoke curbside pickup spot privileges. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Zittergruen, second by Hadley, to accept, with gratitude, the estimated FY21 and FY21 Sustainability Commission Budget. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Zittergruen, Hadley, Neal, Carlson, Johnson, Luse. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse, to approve the Sustainability Commission purchase of 2 PurpleAir PA-II-SD air sensors - \$279.00@ plus shipping. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Luse, to approve amending Article 11, section 4 and 7 of the Decorah Volunteer Fire Dept. Constitution regarding residency requirements and new member qualifications. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1273 amending Chapter 2.14.050 of the Decorah City Code regarding age qualifications for volunteer firefighters was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Neal, second by Zittergruen to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Neal, second by Luse, to waive the second and third readings placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1275 rescinding Ordinance 1257, Face Covering Mandate, was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Zittergruen, to waive the second and third readings placing the ordinance on final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 3195 amending the city's portion of the Winneshiek Multi-jurisdictional Plan 2020 was opened for discussion. Resolution adds the following to the plan:

- Purchase and installation of permanent generators at critical water/wastewater system locations to reduce system failure during electrical power loss
- Purchase and installation of permanent generators at critical city buildings (EOC, fire/rescue, police, etc) to maintain operations during electrical power loss
- Evaluate storm sewer infrastructure and deficiencies and improve them to reduce the potential for localized flooding. Evaluate sanitary sewer infrastructure for deficiencies and improve them to

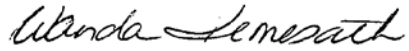
reduce potential service backups in the sanitary sewer system and reduce peak flows to the treatment plant

- Construct saferooms for campground and recreational areas

Sean Snyder, Emergency Management Coordinator, along with Carol Tomb, Iowa Hazard Mitigation Office are working together to submit numerous grants for the city. There is a 15% local match. City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath advised the anticipated American Recovery Act dollars may be used as toward the city match, if desired. The city may opt out at any time during the process.

Motion by Luse, second by Neal, to approve Resolution 3195 amending the city's portion of the Winneshiek Multi-jurisdictional Plan 2020. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.