

August 16, 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.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- a. Minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Liquor License for LaRana including Outdoor Service Area
- d. Renewal Class E Liquor License for Walmart Super Center including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Rubaiyat including Sunday Sales, Outdoor Service Area, Living Quarters and Catering privileges
- f. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Fairfield Marriott including Sunday Sales
- g. Special Event Application for Sugar Bowl, 410 W Water St., August 27, 5:00 – 9:00 pm for a 1950's inspired sock hop event
- h. Special Event Application Impact Coffee every Thursday Sept and Oct, 4 pm to 10 pm including outdoor service area privileges each Thursday thru Oct.
- i. Special Event Application, Walk to End Alzheimer's Set up-September 17, 5 – 7 pm and September 18, 6 am - noon
- j. Resolution 3210 setting a public hearing for the Dry Run Recreational Trail Easement September 7, 2021, 5:45 pm

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing regarding a proposal to vacate a storm water and utility easement located at Lot 3 of 3 Riverwalk Second Addition, 704 Serenity Drive, the hearing was opened.

Steve Munkel, Developer, advised the easement is no longer needed. The original plat anticipated larger buildings which were not developed.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to adopt Resolution 3211 approving the vacation of a storm water and utility easement located at Lot 3 of 8 Riverwalk Second Addition, 704 Serenity Drive contingent upon city retaining a 10' wide utility and sidewalk easement along the entire east lot line of the real estate. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Possible action on establishing a re-districting committee was opened for discussion. Ben Steines, Winneshiek Co. Auditor and Commissioner of Elections was present to explain the redistricting process. He explained Jon Lubke, GIS Coordinator, completed the 2010 re-districting for county and city with the use of GIS technology, which was not available in prior census years.

Councilperson Neal felt a re-districting committee consisting of Jeremy Brill, City Engineer working with Luther College should be appointed to complete the re-districting, on behalf of the city, to ensure it is completed in a non-partisan, transparent manner.

Councilperson Johnson felt it has been done professionally and impartially in the past and is comfortable with staff working with the county to complete. Councilperson Schissel agreed.

After lengthy discussion City Engineer Brill, Hailey Abbey, Luther student and potentially Janelle Pavlovec will attend the county redistricting meetings on behalf of the city.

No action taken on establishing a formal city re-districting committee.

Consideration of the contribution level to Sunflower Day Care Center/Discovery Center was opened for discussion.

Stephanie Fromm and Lora Friest were present to explain any contribution to the Discovery Center portion of the project could be used to leverage grant dollars.

It was noted the county gave \$500,000 for the Discovery Center portion of the project.

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath reviewed potential funding sources including American Recovery Act Funds. She encouraged the council to simply determine a funding level at this time. The amounts used from identified funds can be determined on a year-by-year basis.

Motion by Schissel to donate \$250,000 from American Recovery Act Funds and another \$250,000 over 5 years with sources to be determined at a later date. Motion died for lack of second.

Councilperson Hadley spoke of the opportunity to use the American Recovery Funds for fast fiber and was hoping to use the funds solely for that purpose.

Motion by Johnson, second by Schissel, to use \$350,000 from American Recovery Funds and \$150,000 over the next 5-years with funding sources/amounts to be determined on a year-by-year basis with all to be used towards the Discovery Center portion of the project. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to approve a Donation and Development Agreement with the Winneshiek County Veterans Memorial Association for installation of a memorial at Mary Christopher Park. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Formal action was taken on agenda item 10 – second reading of Ordinance 1278 amending Chapter 5.28 Rental Inspections and Rental Permit Fee Exceptions. In review of the August 2, 2021 meeting, the second and third readings were waived and the Ordinance was adopted at that time. This item should not have been on the agenda.

Consideration of renewal of a parking lot lease with Marc Folkedahl was opened for discussion. General consensus to not continue rental of this lot. No action taken.

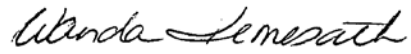
Ordinance 1279 amending Chapter 2.04, City Clerk, Finance Officer was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Hadley, second by Neal to approve the updated City Clerk, Finance Officer job description. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Neal, second by Luse, to approve an agreement with University of Northern Iowa Center for Energy and Environmental Education for the inventory of Greenhouse Gas Emissions at a cost of \$2,500. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.