

October 4, 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: Andy Carlson, Randy Schissel, Ross Hadley, Emily Neal, Steve Luse, Steve Zittergruen, Kirk Johnson

Mayor Borowski read a proclamation for Indigenous People's Day, October 11, 2021

City Clerk, Finance Officer administered the Oath of Office to Trevor Thomas, new Police Officer followed by the Badge Pinning Ceremony by Chief Smutzler

Being Breast Cancer Awareness month, Chief Smutzler presented Ass't. Chief Brent Parker with a pink badge to honor his wife being a breast cancer survivor.

City Clerk, Finance Officer Hemesath read the consent agenda. Councilperson Hadley requested Item G. be removed and Councilperson Schissel requested Item E be removed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Hadley, to approve the remaining consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes of the September 13, 20 and 28 council meetings
- b. Claims
- c. Approve the FY21 TIF report
- d. Renewal Class B Beer permit for Oneota Coop including Sunday sales and Class B Wine privileges
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Landing Market including extended outdoor service area and Sunday Sales privileges **Removed**
- f. Appointment of new City Clerk/Finance Officer effective 10/9/21
- g. Consider Resolution 3218 authorizing Alliant to Relocate and take over ownership of three street lights – Main St. Project **Removed**
- h. Resolution 3219 accepting Dry Run Plaza Pocket Park Project as complete - \$135,434.75
- i. Resolution 3220 accepting Valley View Drive Improvement Project as complete - \$373,978.17
- j. Resolution 3221 authorizing the city of proceed with voluntary annexation proceedings for land owned by 3chicsrentals, LLC and the City of Decorah
- k. Special Event Application Vesterheim Museum, Oct 16, 2 – 3:30 pm

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Item E. Renewal Class C Liquor License for the Landing Market including extended outdoor serve area and Sunday Sales privileges was opened for discussion.

Motion by Schissel second by Neal to approve the license with Sunday Sales privileges but not the extended outdoor service area – outdoor service area to remain as it is today.

Schissel spoke of parking concerns in the area and the city potentially needing to assist financially with increased parking spaces. If the Landing Market needs additional outdoor seating for a special event they can apply to council on a case-by-case basis.

Councilperson Zittergruen encouraged members to vote no saying COVID is still prevalent and with changing business in that area we need to be more accommodating regarding parking requirements.

Councilperson Neal stated parking requirements should be reviewed across the board to see if changes should be made.

Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Neal, Carlson, Luse, Johnson. Voting nay: Zittergruen, Hadley. Motion carried.

Item G Resolution 3218 authorizing Alliant to relocate and take over ownership of three street lights (Main St. Project) was opened for discussion.

Councilperson Hadley would like to have a financial benefit assessment of Alliant vs City owning the street lights.

Motion by Hadley, second by Zittergruen to table item G and send to committee for further review. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hadley, Zittergruen, Neal, Carlson, Johnson, Luse. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

City Clerk, Finance Officer Hemesath administered the Oath of Office to Keri Sand, newly appointed City Clerk, Finance Officer.

This being the time and date for a public hearing to condition the proposed 2020 Census redistricting map, the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Councilperson Neal stated concerns that priorities for the map were never discussed by council. She believes it should be closer to what the current map is, specifically along 5th Ave and Mechanic St.

City Engineer Brill explained that population has changed drastically in 10 years and if we could have used these major roads we would have.

Councilperson Schissel questioned if meetings of the redistricting committee were posted and open to the public. He questioned the lack of transparency with the process. He also expressed concern about the matter being discussed in a work session when it wasn't on the agenda and action being taken as a result of that conversation.

General consensus that the process was flawed and hopefully, in 10 years it will be accomplished in a better manner.

Ordinance 1282 approving the proposed 2020 redistricting map was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Carlson, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Carlson, Johnson, Hadley, Neal, Zittergruen. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Schissel, to approve the proposed FY23 Street Improvement Plan. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley, second by Neal, to approve an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Agreement with Alliant Energy. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1280 updating filing requirements for liquor licenses 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 Luse, to waive the required number of readings and to place the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1281 proposing changes to City Code Chapters 10 and 12 Seasonal Parking Restrictions, Snow Emergencies and Snow Removal Policies was introduced and read for the first time.

After short discussion there was a motion by Schissel, second by Hadley, to table for revisions to the language. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Neal, to approve Resolution 3222 setting November 4, 2021, 5:45 pm as the date and time for a public hearing for the sale of public property (701 Maple Ave). Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Neal, Carlson, Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson. Voting nay: Luse. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.