

The City of Decorah Utility Committee met on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:20pm

Chairman Andy Carlson called the meeting to order with the following attending: Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, Steve Zittergruen, Emily Neal, Ross Hadley. Mayor Lorraine Borowski was also in attendance. Others in attendance: City Manager Travis Goedken and several Dept Heads.

Agenda

Review of 2021Decorah Stormwater Funding Plan-Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation & Development

Ross Evelsizer reviewed the Stormwater Project Funding Report with the Committee. Evelsizer had worked closely with City Engineer, Jeremy Bril, to determine key projects within Decorah. After discussion with the Committee it was determined that Bril would work with City Manager, Travis Goedken, to come up with recommendations on which projects to look at completing first.

Alliant Energy Lights

Jeremy Bril presented the Committee a breakdown of the Franchise Fee, East Main Street Lights, and the Locust Road. The Committee expressed frustration with not being able to calculate the fees that Alliant Energy has charged. It was determined that Goedken and Bril would reach out to Alliant Energy to schedule a meeting when they can meet with the Committee. They will also present Alliant Energy with a list of questions that the Committee would like answered. The Committee also informed Bril to go ahead and finish East Main Street Project.

Fiber to Home

Chopper Albert updated the Committee on the status of the fiber agreement between Acentek and the private investment from West Union. Albert is waiting on updated dollar amounts Acentek to be able to come back to the Utility Committee with a better idea of what will be needed to move forward. Albert is hoping to have these amounts within the next couple of days.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Fee

Jeremy Bril discussed with the Committee whether there should be a charge for usage of the charging stations. After discussion the Committee felt there should be a charge to at least cover the City's expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm