

November 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:45 pm

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers and electronically.

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

No public comment.

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

- a. Minutes of the October 25, 2021 work session and November 1, 2021 regular meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Beer Permit for Oneota Community Co-op, amendment, ownership updates
- d. Consider approval and certification of residential abatement from Russell Schouweiler 106 Sunset Dr-remodel
- e. Consider PPE #6 for Decorah 2021 East Main Street Improvements
- f. Consider PPE #1 for 2021 Street Improvements Asphalts Resurfacing Project
- g. Consider Change Order #2 for East Main Street
- h. Consider PPE #4 Pole Line Road Bridge Project
- i. Resolution 3228 obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financed obligations-Rebound Hospitality-FYE 23 payment
- j. Resolution 3229 obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financial obligations-KAR Auto Group-FYE 23 payment
- k. Resolution 3230 obligating funds from Urban Tax Renewal Revenue Fund for appropriation to the payment of annual appropriations tax increment financed obligations-DECO Bluffs (Hy-Vee) FYE 23 Payment

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse to approve the site plan for Scooter's Coffee at 900 Short Street as long as they meet all of the contingencies. Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel to allow Alliant Energy to install and own streetlights on East Main Street, seconded by Johnson. City Engineer Jeremy Brill reported that the difference between quotes from Perry Novak Electric and Alliant Energy was \$8000.00, with Novak being the highest. The difference between these two quotes is that Alliant would then own the street lights and maintain them and the City would have to pay a fee along with the electricity. If Novak would install the lights, the City would own and maintain the streetlights and pay for the electricity. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Johnson, Zittergruen. Voting nay: Neal, Luse, Carlson, Hadley. Motion Failed.

Motion by Hadley to accept Perry Novak Electric quote to install streetlights on East Main Street, seconded by Luse. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Hadley and Luse. Voting nay: Carlson, Johnson, Schissel, Neal, Zittergruen. Motion failed.

Motion by Neal, seconded by Luse to send Customer and Stakeholder Transparency Request to the Iowa Utilities Board. Carly Hayden Foster spoke regarding the process and why the Municipal Electric Utilities Task Force feels that this request should be sent. This request creates no expense to the City of Decorah. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Neal, Carlson, Zittergruen, Hadley, Luse. Voting nay: Johnson and Schissel. Motion passed.

Motion by Hadley, seconded by Carlson to table the decision on Resolution 3226 allowing Alliant Energy to install street lights on Massman Drive until the Council receives more information from Alliant Energy. Jeremy Brill explained that the City can not accept the street, which would include snow removal, until the streetlights are installed. He also explained that there is no cost to the City regardless of who installs the lights. The cost is on the developer. Hadley withdrew his motion to table the decision, Carlson also withdrew his second. Motion dies.

Motion by Schissel, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 3226 to allow Alliant Energy to install street lights on Massman Drive. Roll call vote. All voting Aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse to approve Resolution 3227 to set a date for a public hearing on rezoning of 2324 Sweet Parkway Rd from commercial to multi-family residential. Motion seconded by Johnson. Randy Imoehl of 1684 Saw Grass Road, Decorah spoke representing Prairie Lake Community Church. He conveyed that the hope was to have this through by the next council meeting. Public Hearing will be December 20, 2021. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Schissel made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1283 rezoning property owned by 3ChicsRental, LLC from agriculture to commercial. Seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schissel to waive the third reading of Ordinance 1283 and adopt. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Zittergruen, Neal, Hadley, Luse, Johnson. Voting nay: Carlson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Neal to approve first reading of Ordinance 1284 amending Chapter 12.44 snow, ice, and accumulation removal. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to waive the second and third reading and adopting Ordinance 1284. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Schissel made a comment that he thought the Council should not waive the second and third readings to give the public time to comment if they so choose. Kirk Johnson supported that idea. Zittergruen then withdrew his motion. Motion dies.

Meeting adjourned on motion at 7:05 pm

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer