

January 3, 2022

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, Kirsten Olson, Randy Schissel, Ross Hadley, Emily Neal, Steve Luse, Steve Zittergruen

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

- a. Minutes of the Decorah 20, 2022 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Tax Abatement for Engelhardt Supplement Trust-1008 South Mechanic Street-New Construction
- d. Renewal of Casey General's Store #2183 Class E liquor license
- e. Appointment of Mike Aschbacher AS Fire Chief, Jeff Clement as First Assistant Chief, and Lee Bjerke as Second Assistant Chief, per city code section 2.14.020
- f. Approve Driftless Multimedia as the Official Newspaper for City of Decorah

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Kristen Torresdal presented the Decorah Public Library Annual Report. This report went through what the Decorah Library has been doing to deal with the pandemic and to keep serving the public.

Neal made a motion to accept the Steve Downing Development Company LLC easement agreement for access to the Gundersen Hangar, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to table Resolution 3238 for setting a public hearing and to consider a sign boulevard easement lease agreement with Almar Properties, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3239 setting a public hearing and considering a driveway easement agreement with Almar Properties, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to table Resolution 3240 setting a public hearing for the proposed FYE '23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to consider Resolution 3241 Deputy City Clerk salary, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The second reading of Ordinance 1286 increasing the Sustainability Commission from seven to nine people was considered. Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 1286, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Olson, Neal, Johnson, Hadley, Zittergruen. Nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1286 to increase the Sustainability Commission from seven to nine people, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Zittergruen, Johnson, Neal, Olson, Hadley. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to table Ordinance 1287 to rezone 2324 Sweet Parkway Road from commercial to multi-residential, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Johnson, Olson, Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley. Voting nay: Neal. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the reappointments of Mark Faldet, Dick Guilgot, and Drew Pellet to the Tree Board, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

City Administrator, Travis Goedken, went over the response given from Alliant Energy to the Iowa Utilities Board. Alliant Energy is asking the Iowa Utilities Board to throw out the request for the information that was asked of them. The next step will be waiting for the response from the Iowa Utilities Board.

Mayor Borowski spoke regarding multiple seats open on various boards and commissions including Telco Board, Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustment, Tree Board and Sustainability Commission.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

Keri Sand  
City Clerk-Finance Officer