

February 7, 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: Randy Schissel, Emily Neal, Kristen Olson, Steve Luse, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Kirk Johnson

Chris Rygh with the Prairie Lakes Church spoke at the public comment portion of the meeting. He explained that the Church has decided to take their zoning request back to Planning and Zoning for consideration instead of bringing the permanent zoning request to the City Council.

Motion by Luse and seconded by Zittergruen to approve the consent agenda as presented

- a. Minutes of the January 18, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting, Council Work Session January 18, 2022, Council Work Session January 31, 2022
- b. Claims
- c. Tax Abatement Approval-Jordan Massman-1506 Jordan Drive-New Construction
- d. Tax Abatement Approval-Pearch Pack LLC-201 Hilltop Dr-Remodel
- e. Approve Class E Liquor License for Fareway Store
- f. Approve Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for T-Bock's Sports Bar and Grill
- g. Approve Class E Liquor License including Sunday Sales for Hy-Vee

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the Vesterheim Commons Site Plan, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the North Alley Business District Master Plan RFQ (Request for Qualifications). Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the Union Contract as presented, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Chief David Smutzler gave a presentation on the K-9 that the department is interested in purchasing this fiscal year. He explained that he did not believe that the expenses of the dog would be on the city's funds. He believes that the department will be able to take care of the K-9 through donations.

Neal made a motion to approve the purchase of a K-9 in the current fiscal year. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Neal, Olson, Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley. Voting naye: Johnson and Schissel. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the letter of support and matching funds for the IDALS Water Quality Initiative Stormwater Grant, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3243 accepting the Pole Line Road Bridge as complete. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the purchase of a bucket truck in the current fiscal year for the Street Department. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the purchase of survey equipment in the current fiscal year for the Street Department, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to accept and approve the termination of the Boulevard Easement Lease Agreement with A&M Coffee, LLC, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the driveway easement with Almar Properties, LLC at 6:31 p.m. No one spoke. Public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3244 approving the driveway easement with Almar Properties, LLC, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the boulevard easement with A&M Coffee, LLC at 6:35 p.m. No one chose to speak. Public hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3245 approving the boulevard easement with A&M Coffee, LLC, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Luse, Neal, Schissel, Johnson, Hadley, Olson. Voting naye: Zittergruen

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing regarding the proposed FY '23 maximum levy rate at 6:38 p.m. No one spoke. Public hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3247 approving the proposed FY '23 maximum levy rate, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3248 setting a public hearing for the proposed FY '23 budget for March 7, 2022, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the preliminary Resolution 3246 approving the 2022 alley improvement project, Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve a professional service agreement with Erdman Engineering for the 2022 alley improvement project, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski led a discussion on an ad hoc housing committee. She has reached out to multiple people to be on this committee to discuss the needs of housing in Decorah. She will move forward with setting up a meeting time and place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.