

March 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, Kirsten Olson, Steve Luse, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Kirk Johnson

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

- a) Minutes of the February 21, 2022, regular meeting and minutes from February 28, 2022, special meeting
- b) Claims
- c) Tax Abatement for Kyle Kohls-116 Monroe St-Remodel
- d) Consider approval of partial pay estimate #8 for the Locust Road Improvement Project with corrected amount being \$26, 023.98

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Change Order #5 for the Locust Road Improvement Project that would cause a decrease in cost of \$2,914.12. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3250 that would allow assessments of adjacent properties for the Decorah 2022 Alley Improvement Project and set a public hearing date for April 4, 2022. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the FYE '23 proposed budget at 5:58 p.m. No one spoke at the public hearing. Public hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3251 approving the FYE '23 proposed budget, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson. Nays: Schissel

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3252 approving the 28E agreement with Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce and Winneshiek County Development. This agreement states that 25% of the first \$500,000.00 in hotel/motel tax revenues will be allocated to DACC and WCD. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution 3253 approving the 28E agreement with Decorah Jobs that states that 30% of the first \$500,000.00 in hotel/motel tax revenues will be allocated to Decorah Jobs with the amendments to the agreement with up to 3 members from the City Council on the Joint Board, and with special emphasis on housing, particularly workforce housing, and downtown revitalization. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3254 approving the submittal for the revised FY2023 Airport Capital Improvement Program, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3255 that will approve a 5-year agreement with McClure Professional Engineering Service, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3256 approving Task Order No. 1 with McClure. This will be the initial step in possibly moving forward on an airport/terminal project. The council discussed whether there was a need for a terminal. Emily Neal stated she is in favor of moving forward with the project of building a new terminal if it can be confirmed by an expert that the current terminal does need to be replaced. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1288 Amending Chapter 13.44 Stormwater Management, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 1288, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voted ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski discussed that there is an opening on the Tree Board. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2022.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, opened the discussion of the City of Decorah's building codes. Currently there is legislation at the state level of possibly implementing a state building code. The council discussed Decorah's current building codes and that if the state does not adopt a state building code, there may be changes that could be possibly made. Some of the Council feels that the current building codes are prohibiting people from coming in and setting up businesses in our downtown due to cost of renovating the older buildings and bringing them up to code. Another option would be for council to award loans or grants to possible building owners to invest in their buildings to bring the buildings up to code. The City Manager will track the progress at the state level and report back to Council.

Schissel made a motion to go into closed session so the Council could give the City Manager, Travis Goedken, a performance review. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. The Council went into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Council came out of closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.