

April 18, 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, Kirk Johnson

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

- a) Minutes of the March 28, 2022 Work Session and April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting
- b) Claims
- c) March For Life Special Event Permit
- d) Syttende Mai-Vesterheim Norwegian Museum Special Permit
- e) Pulpit 2 Pulpit Charity Fundraiser Special Permit
- f) Nordic Fest Special Permit
- g) Walk to End Alzheimer's Special Permit
- h) Renewal of Class B Beer Permit for Pulpit Rock Brewing Co, with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales
- i) Residential Tax Abatement-Katie Schweinefus-513 Massman Dr

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Engineer Jeremy Bril discussed the location of bike racks in the downtown area. The plan is to place larger bike racks in front of T-Bock's and The Hatchery with smaller bike racks to be placed throughout downtown.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Schissel to approve the site plans for Skyline Motorsports. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, seconded by Olson to approve the contract between Winneshiek County Veterans Memorial Association with Wick's Construction regarding the construction of the new Veterans Memorial. Roll Call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, seconded by Olson to approve the contract between Winneshiek County Veterans Memorial Association with Bruening Rock Products regarding the construction of the new Veterans Memorial. Roll Call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel and seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 3262 setting a public hearing on May 16, 2022 for conditional rezoning for the Prairie Lakes Church. Luse did question whether there have been services being held in the building before the appropriate actions have been taken to rezone the property. Neal also voiced her concerns regarding this. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3263 setting a public hearing on the FYE '22 amendments for May 16, 2022. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Zittergruen to approve Resolution 3264 setting a public hearing on May 16, 2022 for the Kwik Star Site Plan. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Neal to approve Resolution 3265 setting a public hearing on May 16, 2022 for the 2022 Alley Improvement Project. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse and seconded by Hadley to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1292 on regulation of electric vehicle charging stations with parking violations being set at \$60.00 and if not paid within 30 days, \$80.00. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Hadley, Johnson, Zittergruen, Neal, Schissel Nays: Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse and seconded by Zittergruen approving the second reading of Ordinance 1290 approving an increase of 8% for water rates. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Olson, Neal. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley and seconded by Luse to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1291 approving an increase in sewer rates of 4%. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski announced that she has appointed Sara Moellers, Kirk Johnson, and Randy Schissel to the Hotel Motel Committee.

At 6:45 p.m. motion by Schissel and seconded by Luse to go into closed session per 21.5 (c) To discuss strategy with council matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Council Person Neal left the meeting via zoom at this time.

Council resumed council meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Motion by Luse and seconded by Zittergruen to vacate the public restrooms accessed through Bank of the West. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski gave an update on the Library Board application process. There are three openings with all openings needing to be from within the city limits. The decision was made to extend the application deadline through the end of May.

Mayor Borowski then gave an update on the Tree Board opening. There is one opening on the board and they will take applications through the end of May.

Updates given by staff and council members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.



Keri Sand  
City Clerk-Finance Officer