

May 2, 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

Kate Scott, 405 East Broadway Decorah, addressed the Council requesting that the Council consider implementing a program to assist business owners with maintaining the outside facade of their buildings.

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

- a. Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting and April 25, 2022 Work Session
- b. Claims
- c. Impact Coffee Special Event Permit
- d. Renewal of Good Times Grill Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service, Sunday Sales, and Catering
- e. Renewal of Dixie's Biergarten Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales
- f. Renewal of Convergence Cider Works Class B Beer Permit with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales
- g. Renewal of Toppling Goliath Brewing Co. Class B Beer Permit with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales
- h. Renewal of Kwik Star #629 905 Short St Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit and Sunday Sales
- i. Renewal of Kwik Star #1081 1101 Montgomery St Class C Beer Permit, Class B Wine Permit, and Sunday Sales
- j. Impact Coffee Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service every Thursday May 2022 through August 2022 requesting ½ street block outside of their building at 101 W Water Street
- k. Residential Tax Abatement-Anne Dykstra-405 East Water St-Remodel

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, went over the changes to the travel policy that is being proposed. The changes would follow the federal guidelines for meal reimbursement and mileage when a city employee must use their own vehicle for traveling. This reimbursement would only be allowed if a city owned vehicle was not available. Hadley made a motion to approve the updated travel policy, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3266 approving the Supervisory and Non-Union Personnel Pay Policy. Johnson seconded the motion. Hadley expressed concern that we did not have the updated salary survey from the Iowa League of Cities. Goedken confirmed that this policy was more about the way the pay matrix would work, not the actual dollar amounts. The salary amounts will be addressed once the survey is received. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel and seconded by Neal to approve Resolution 3267 setting a public hearing on June 6, 2022 to consider proposing to vacate a utility and sidewalk easement at 704 Serenity Drive. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley and seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 3268 accepting a sidewalk easement from Quandahl Investment Properties, LLC. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley and seconded by Neal to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1290 which increases the water rates by 8%. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Neal, Olson, Luse, Zittergruen, Johnson. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Olson to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1291 which increases the sewer rates by 4%. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hadley and seconded by Schissel to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1292 regulating the electric vehicle charging stations on public property. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Schissel, Neal, Luse, Zittergruen, Johnson. Nays: Olson. Motion carried.

Motion by Zittergruen and seconded by Neal to approve the lease agreement with the Farmer's Market and to direct staff to draft a 28E agreement with the Farmer's Market that would then waive the \$16.00 per event fee. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Overnight parking at the electric vehicle charging station was discussed by City Council. The Council directed staff to work on a resolution that would allow for overnight parking while charging, a grace period, and then a charge if the vehicle remains parked at the charging station once charging is complete.

Mayor Borowski reminded everyone that the Library Board Applications will be accepted by the City Clerk through the end of May. Mayor Borowski also encouraged citizens to apply for the Tree Board as there is one opening on that board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer