

August 15, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:45 pm.

The meeting was held at the City Council Chambers and electronically.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Members present: Randy Schissel, Emily Neal, Kirsten Olson, Steve Luse, Stephen Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Kirk Johnson

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

- a. Minutes of the August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Special Permit Single Speed USA-Bike Ride-DHPT/Decorah Park and Rec
- d. New Construction Tax Abatement-2410 Red Oak Road-Jennifer Kleiner
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Catering for Rubaiyat
- f. Renewal Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Skyline Lanes, LLC
- g. New Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales for Blazing Star

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

At 5:47 pm Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and taking bids for the Decorah 2022 Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project. No comments made. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:49 pm.

Hadley made a motion to approve the plans, specifications, form of contract and awarding the Decorah 2022 Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project with using asphalt for the project. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending sections 17.16.135, 17.68.030, and 17.80.030 related to fence requirements at 5:50 pm. No comments made. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:52 pm.

Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance approving the amendments of 17.16.135, 17.68.030, and 17.80.030 related to fence requirements. Olson seconded the motion. City Manager, Travis Goedken, explained a few of the changes. A change was made to living fences which is a fence made of bushes or other plants. It would not require a permit, but it would have the same requirements as a fence. Fences would also need to be back five feet from alleys. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing at 5:57 pm on amending Chapters 17.08 and 17.52 related to loading and parking space requirements. No comments made. Public hearing closed at 5:59 pm.

Hadley made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance that amends Chapters 17.08 and 17.52 related to loading and parking space requirements. Neal seconded the motion. Zittergruen stated that he did not want Council to take this vote lightly because they are deciding the use of land. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Neal, Schissel, Johnson, Luse, Olson. Nays: Zittergruen. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance repealing Ordinance 1037 Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied Taxable Property in the Decorah Business Park. -Airport Urban Renewal Area. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3290 setting September 6, 2022, as the date for the public hearing on the Decorah 2022 P.C. Patching Project, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the request for matching funds for a potential USDA Community Composting Program Grant in the amount of \$22,500.00 from the Sustainability Fund. Luse seconded the motion. The City Manager explained that this grant would allow Decorah to expand residential composting and incorporate food waste into the City's compost process. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Wal-Mart's request to change the color of the building with the requirement of Wal-Mart will have to come back to Council for approval if they choose to change the color of the building in the future. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Zittergruen, Olson, Neal, Schissel, Johnson, Hadley. Nays: Luse. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the Arthaus C-3 Design request, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the Morpho Properties C-3 Design, Luse, seconded the motion. Goedken explained that the owners of 130 West Water Street are wanting to install new windows and

remove the current canopy on the building. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Luse, Olson, Neal, Zittergruen, Johnson. Nays: None. Hadley stated he was not voting. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the Audit RFP (request for proposal) for 3 years based on the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) with an alternative of a cash-basis audit to be included in the request. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the funding match for the IEDA Destination Iowa Outdoor Recreation Fund, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Goedken explained that this will give Decorah the opportunity to be able to obtain funding to improve the Trout Run Trail, which would need to be done regardless. The project does not need to be completed until 2027. The Park and Rec Department has been saving for this expenditure utilizing the funds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. The city will have to provide a 60% match for the grant. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the Bank of the West lease and whether to move forward with enforcing the lease for the public restroom in exchange for the use of the land where the Bank of the West drive through is located. Luse made a motion to have the City Attorney to contact Bank of the West and proceed with enforcement, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Engineer, Jeremy Bril, spoke regarding a program that the Street Department will be implementing. The program, Pilot to Permanent, will be utilized in different areas of Decorah. This will enable the Street Department to make changes to intersections and see the results before making the changes permanent.

Mayor Borowski has appointed Tina Hall to the Decorah Tree Board. Schissel made a motion to approve the appointment, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer