

July 5, 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 Decorah City Council Chambers and electronically.

Members present: Kirk Johnson, Ross Hadley, Steven Zittergruen, Steve Luse, Emily Neal (via Zoom), Randy Schissel, Kirsten Olson

Stephen McCargar-2749 Hidden Falls Road, Decorah

Stephen spoke regarding the conversations being held regarding the possibility of a 40-unit apartment complex being built on water street. He is against this idea and feels that it would not be good for downtown and would kill the Oneota Co-op. He spoke that it is not appropriate to build housing on public property.

The pinning ceremony and oath of office for new police officer, Mason Smith, was performed by Chief Smutzler.

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

- a. Minutes of the June 20, 2022, Special Meeting; June 20, 2022, Regular Meeting; and June 28, 2022, Work Session
- b. Tax Abatement-Dustin Verconde-506 Massman Drive-New Construction
- c. Tax Abatement-Travis Massman-1510 Laurel Drive-New Construction
- d. Tax Abatement-Matthew Downing-2408 Red Oak Rd-New Construction
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service for La Rana

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the FAA NAVIAID Lease at 5:58 p.m. No comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:59 p.m.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3282 approving the FAA NAVIAID lease, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve pay application #1 for the 2022 Alley Improvement Project in the amount of \$73,600.00. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the sub-grant agreement between the City of Decorah and the Iowa Economic Development, Luse seconded the motion. Zittergruen asked if the city would be a pass through for the finances of the Downtown Housing Grant. City Manager, Travis Goedken, explained that the city is just the pass through for the finances and would not be entitled to any of the money. The grant is in the amount of \$300,000.00. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve change order #6 for the Locust Road Project, Luse seconded the motion. The change order is in the amount of \$38,669.85 in savings for the City of Decorah. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3283 approving the Good Shepard Sidewalk Easement, Olson seconded the motion. Hadley questioned if this sidewalk remains ADA compliant. City Engineer, Jeremy Bril assured him that there were no issues with it being ADA compliant. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski announced that she would be appointing Mark Carolan to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Olson thought Mark Carolan would have a lot to contribute to the Commission. Zittergruen and Neal both felt that being in construction does not necessarily make a good fit for the commission. Luse would like to see more gender equity on the Commission. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Johnson, Zittergruen, Neal, Hadley Nays: Luse. Motion carried.

Adjourned 6:36

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer