

October 3, 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, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Kirk Johnson

Stephanie Fromm and Jessica Rilling presented the annual report for Decorah Chamber of Commerce, Decorah Jobs, and Winneshiek County Development and Tourism.

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

- a. Minutes of the September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Claims
- c. Tax Abatement for Aase Haugen Senior Services-Glen Barth Circle-New Construction
- d. Tax Abatement-Kelly Building Systems-2420 Red Oak Road-New Construction
- e. Tax Abatement-JoAnn Voltmer-508 Stapleton Drive-New Construction
- f. Tax Abatement-Peggy Hall Beatty-506 Stapleton Drive-New Construction
- g. New Application Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Toppling Goliath

Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Travis Goedken, City Manager, gave background on the Skyline Motorsports LLC development agreement and tax increment payments. The agreement has a maximum benefit of \$60,000.00 total over a three-year sliding scale of 75%, 60%, and 45%. The agreement is based on a \$1,000,000.00 additional value due to the improvements. Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the Skyline Motorsports development agreement at 6:04 pm. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3296, approving the Skyline Motorsports development agreement as presented, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Johnson, Neal, Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bird Scooters representative, Kylee Floodman, was present via Zoom at the council meeting to give an update and discuss the MOU with the Council. Neal stated that she was still receiving complaints regarding the placement of the scooters. Zittergruen feels that the scooters are still a good option for transportation. The scooter representative, Floodman, explained that they can place incentives within the program to incentivize proper parking. Bird Scooters encourages citizens to email the company directly with concerns at [Decorah-311@bird.co](mailto:Decorah-311@bird.co)

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3297 to set a public hearing and consider an easement for 601 W. Water Street for an existing structure that can be terminated in the future for essential or general purpose. The public hearing would be set for November 7, 2022. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3298 for the installation of two stop signs on both sides at Steyer Bridge. Luse seconded the motion. City Engineer, Jeremy Bril, explained that the bridge is a one lane bridge, and it is felt that two stop signs are needed to slow down the traffic for multiple reasons. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3299 approving to set a public hearing on November 7, 2022, regarding an easement to Vesterheim Museum to place a sign in the mid-block bump out on Water Street on a lease basis. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Neal, Schissel, Zittergruen, Johnson, Olson, Hadley. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3300 to approve setting a public hearing for November 7, 2022, on a lease agreement regarding the solar panels being placed on the Decorah Street Shop due to a power purchase agreement. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3301 to approve setting a public hearing for November 7, 2022, to consider a lease agreement for the area near Public Rock Campground regarding solar panels due to the power purchase agreement. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3302 to set a public hearing for October 17, 2022, on vacating city owned easements to Kerndt's Rental LLC at 302 and 308 College Drive. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3303 to set public hearing for October 17, 2022, on vacating city owned easements to Tiffany Henry and James Gehling at 300 College Drive. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3304 to set a public hearing on proposed amendment to the Revitalization Plan for the 2014 Decorah Housing Urban Revitalization Area, Neal seconded the motion. Goedken explained the amendment would include changing the rate structure to five years at 100% up to \$75,000.00 of valuation. This would be in compliance with State Code. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Neal, Schissel, Olson, Luse, Johnson. Nays: Hadley. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3305 that gives staff authorization to incur expenses for public purpose. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending sections 10.76.010, 10.76.020, 10.76.030, 12.44.010 and 12.44.050 related to snow removal. Neal seconded the motion. Goedken explained that some of the changes include clarifying language regarding alternate side parking and when a snow emergency can be declared. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. Neal made a motion to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the ordinance, Luse seconded. Schissel felt that the Council should give the public time to make comment if they choose to. Neal and Luse rescinded their motion.

Hadley made a motion to approve the changes to the City parking restrictions related to snow removal, Olson seconded the motion. Hadley stated that he is planning a listening session regarding streets November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so he feels that the other proposed changes should wait until after the listening session. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to order sidewalk repair to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 121 E Water Street. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to order sidewalk repair to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 707 Washington Street, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Luse, Schissel, Neal, Hadley, Olson. Nays: Johnson. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve payment of Pay Application #2 for the Decorah 2022 Street Improvement-Asphalt Resurfacing to Skyline Construction, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to award Hacker & Nelson a one-year contract for fiscal year 2022 financial audit, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Schissel, Luse, Zittergruen, Johnson, Neal. Nays: Olson. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the Decorah High School baseball field lighting updates, Olson seconded the motion. City Engineer, Jeremy Bril, explained the schools are not asking for any funds for the lighting. It is coming before Council due to the fact that the City of Decorah owns a portion of the field. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the mayor appointment of Kathy Buzza to the Historic Preservation Commission, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager Goedken led a discussion on the Bluffside Gardens Development Agreement. Goedken was looking for input on how the Council feels what is being proposed in the development agreement for Bluffside Gardens. The Council gave feedback to the City Manager, so he is able to move forward with the process.

Mayor Borowski announced that Joel Zook has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City will be accepting applications to fill the position at City Hall until October 28, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Keri Sand  
City Clerk-Finance Officer