

February 5, 2024

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

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Randy Schissel, Emily Neal, Kirsten Olson, Christopher Miculinich, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Brent Parker

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the January 16, 2024, Meeting, January 22, 2024, Work Session, January 23, 2024, Work Session, and January 25, 2024, Work Session
- b. Claims
- c. Ben Dalbey Mountain Bike Race Special Event
- d. Appointment of Steve Luse to Telecommunications Utility Board
- e. Renew Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Don Jose Mexican Restaurant
- f. Resolution 3425 Setting a Public Hearing for the Decorah 2024 Bioretention Cell Project
- g. Resolution 3426 Setting a Public Hearing for the Decorah 2024 Stormwater Improvements Project
- h. UTV Snow Removal Permit Request

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the consideration of vacating a woodland protection easement at 1004 Eileen Court at 5:48 PM. Gary Fairchild of 1004 Eileen Court spoke regarding his property. He wants to build a garage and there have never been any woodlands on that property since he has owned it. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:49 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3427 vacating the woodland protection easement at 1004 Eileen Court. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1322 amending Section 17.120.015 and Chapter 17.140 related to Decorah Floodplain District and Floodplain Management. This allows the City of Decorah to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. Schissel made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1322, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Neal, Hadley, Zittergruen, Miculinich, Parker, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the addendum to the union contract to allow for part time police officers, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve an addendum to the union contract to set the Street Operator IV position pay matrix, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the proposed changes to the Council Rules and Procedures. Neal made a motion to approve the changes that were presented which includes: no longer having standing committees with the mayor still being allowed to appoint special committees when needed, taking two council members instead of three to call for a work session, and to allow electronic participation in closed sessions. Also requested was to update the language in #3 under electronic meetings and attendance to electronic means instead of telephone speaker. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Hadley, Miculinich, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: Schissel and Olson. Motion carried.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, discussed the budget as it has been presented to this point. The council discussed the non-profit requests and whether it was appropriate to fund as requested. Councilmember Olson offered to reach out to the appropriate people to get more information for the council to discuss further at the next council meeting.

Mayor Borowski announced that there are openings on the Human Rights Commission and the Sustainability Commission. The city will be accepting applications until filled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer