

January 3, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:54 pm.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- a. Minutes of the December 5, 2022, December 19, 2022, Regular Council Meeting
- b. Minutes of the December 19, 2022, Work Session
- c. Claims
- d. Consider Hy-Vee Amendment of Ownership for Class E Retail Alcohol License
- e. Consider Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Luther College-Center of Arts
- f. Consider Renewal of Class E Retail Alcohol License for Casey's General Store on Old Stage Road
- g. Consider Casey's General Store on Old Stage Road Amendment of Ownership for Class E Retail Alcohol License
- h. Approve Driftless Multimedia as the Official Newspaper for the City of Decorah
- i. Appointment of Mike Ashbacher as Fire Chief, Jeff Clement as First Assistant Chief, and Kyle Kohls as Second Assistant Chief, per City Code Section 2.14.020
- j. Consider Approval of Tax Abatement for Ryan and Katie Teslow-1005 Shagbark Court-New Construction

Motion made by Luse, seconded by Olson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Carly Hayden-Foster presented on behalf of the MEU Task Force and their Final Report with recommendations.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the proposed development agreement with Brenton Holdings, LLC at 6:24 pm. No public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:25 pm.

Neal made a motion to table the vote on the resolution to approve the development agreement with Brenton Holdings LLC due to the development agreement not being finalized at this time, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3335 adopting the amendment to the 2014 Decorah Housing Urban Renewal Area which would also repeal Resolution 3317. This would postpone the changes from February 1, 2023 to April 1, 2023. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Johnson, Zittergruen, Schissel. Nays: Hadley and Neal. Steve Luse abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve an ordinance to amend 15.12.060 Board of Appeals to stagger the appointment of members, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Schissel, and Olson. Nays: Neal. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the Board of Appeals Board and the need to fill the board with qualified members. The city will start publishing the need for qualified candidates.

Luse made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance to rezone the business park from C-5 Office Park Commercial to M-2 Limited Industrial District for certain areas. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. Zittergruen made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1307 rezoning the business park from C-5 Office Park Commercial to M-2 Limited Industrial. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zittergruen, Olson, Neal, Schissel, Luse, Johnson, and Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski announced that the city has openings on the following boards and commissions:

Telecommunications – one vacancy

Civil Service – one vacancy

Human Rights Commission – two vacancies starting in February

Meeting adjourned 7:06 pm

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer