

February 20, 2023

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

Trisha Wilkins presented on the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation Annual Report.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the February 6, 2023, Regular Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. FY 22 Annual Urban Renewal Report
- d. Procurement Policy
- e. Conflict of Interest Policy
- f. Fraud Reporting Policy
- g. Segregation of Duties Policy
- h. Seatbelt Policy
- i. Award of Airport Ag Land Lease to Daryl Hovden for \$235/acre for Row Crops
- j. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Amending Title 17-Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah
- k. Resolution Rescinding Resolution 3340 Regarding Public Hearing on FY 24 Budget
- l. Abatement for Caleb Ulling-205 North Street-Rehabilitation
- m. Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Blazing Star
- n. Dakota Moore and Nicki Battle as Mayoral Appointments for Human Rights Commission
- o. Briana Burke as Mayoral Appointment for Sustainability Commission

Steve Zittergruen requested to have (i) Award of Airport Ag Land Lease to Daryl Hovden for \$235/acre for Row Crops to be removed from the consent agenda.

Luse made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voted ayes. Motion carried.

Steve Zittergruen wanted more details on the ag land at the airport. City Manager, Travis Goedken, reported that there is approximately 40 acres there and that the Airport Commission recommended to accept Darryl Hovden's bid. Goedken explained that the contract is for 3 (three) years. Luse made a motion to approve the contract with Darryl Hovden for \$235 an acre for row crops. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Zittergruen, Neal, Schissel, Johnson, Olson. Nays: Hadley. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the Alley Assessment Policy with the changes to language pertaining to the concrete drainage flumes. The drainage flumes will be assessed at 50% of cost to all property owners that live within the block of the alley improvement, not just the two property owners that have the drainage flume adjacent to their property. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3345 approving the plat, preliminary plans, and specifications for the Decorah 2023 Alley Improvement Project with the change of language regarding the draining flumes in the Alley Assessment Policy. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3346 approving the Non-Sufficient Funds Policy that allows the City of Decorah to charge a \$35.00 fee for payments returned to the City of Decorah by the financial institute. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

The City Manager gave an update on the Iowa State Legislature and bills that are currently being worked on that will effect Decorah's property tax revenue. Governor Reynolds signed a bill that will reduce the property tax revenue at a minimum of \$80,000.00. There are potentially two more bills that are being considered at the State of Iowa level that could have effects on the City of Decorah's budget. He will keep the Council updated as the bills progress. Goedken also announced that there will be a Telecommunications Board Meeting at 5:00 pm on March 6, 2023 before the Decorah Council Meeting.

Mayor Borowski reminded everyone that there are still several openings on boards and commissions that have yet to be filled.

- a. Telecommunications Board (1)
- b. Civil Service Commission (1)

c. Board of Appeals (5)

Meeting adjourned 6:53 pm



Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer