

March 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, Ross Hadley

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the March 6, 2023 Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Mayor Appointment of Bill Courtney to Civil Service Commission
- d. Mayor Appointment of Amy Wrightsman to Communication Utility Board of Trustees
- e. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for T-Bock's
- f. Ownership Amendment of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Pulpit Rock Brewing Company
- g. Accept and File FY '22 Audit
- h. Consider Resolution Setting the Date for Public Hearing for the Decorah 2023 Steyer Bridge Repair Project
- i. Consider Resolution Setting Bid Letting and Date for Public Hearing for the Decorah Municipal Airport Corporate Hangar and Terminal Project

Olson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Zittergruen, Neal, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the Amending of Title 17-Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah was not conducted. Schissel made a motion to set April 17, 2023 as the date for the public hearing on Amending Title 17-Zoning of the Municipal Code, Olson seconded the motion. All voting Ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on conveyance and release of right of way easement for the Industrial Lane area that is part of the new Alliant Operations Center at 5:56 pm. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:57 pm.

Luse made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 12.40 regarding trees and shrubbery. There are many amendments to the ordinance, which include the ability for Decorah to create an urban forest utility with the rates being set by Council by resolution. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Zittergruen, Neal, Olson, Johnson, Hadley. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried. The second reading of the ordinance will be held at the April 3, 2023, meeting.

Hadley made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapters 12.28 and 12.32 and multiple sections related to city sidewalks. Many of these recommended changes are to align Code with ADA requirements and SUDAS. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting Ayes. Motion carried. Second reading will be done at the April 3, 2023, meeting.

Luse made a motion to approve the Alliant Energy Operations Site Plan with the following contingencies:

1. Alliant to be current owner of the site
2. Private Utilities are proposed near a new proposed public water main; applicant needs to coordinate installation with the Water Department
3. Easements will be needed by the City for new proposed water and sanitary sewer mains with the relocation; an easement will also be needed for the trailhead
4. Construction should note that access to the trailhead will remain open at all times during construction. Also a previous plan showed contaminated soil within the site. Applicant should provide status on the site and any remediation that has or will occur
5. Detectable warning panels for sidewalk are shown as yellow and should be neutral colored cast iron. Add sidewalk along Park Street between Industrial Lane and Short Street
6. Stormwater management plan was submitted, however:
 - a. Map of karst features within 200' of site missing
 - b. Schedule inspection form for maintenance, including responsible parties is missing
 - c. NPDEES General Permit No. 2 shall be provided to the City
 - d. Record drawings need to be submitted within 30 days of completed construction
 - e. Release of ROW/Easement

Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the service agreement with Cayler Consulting for the search and hiring of a Police Chief with the flat fee of \$12,000 plus expenses. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski pointed out that there are still five positions open for the Board of Appeals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer