

April 17, 2023

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

Chief of Police Dave Smutzler performed the pinning ceremony for multiple promotions within the Police Department. Scott Herrmann was promoted to Assistant Chief of Police, Mandy Groth was promoted to Captain, and Adam Ytzen was promoted to Sergeant.

Jessica Rilling spoke regarding the submission of an application to the Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District. If Decorah is awarded the title, it would recognize Decorah's for its vibrant downtown art and activities. Rilling explained that they would know in July of this year if Decorah received the award.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the April 3, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Special Event Impact Coffee Trivia Night
- d. Special Event-Cops and Rodders Car Show-Elks Club
- e. Special Event-Iowa Scholastic Mountain Bike League Race #3-IA Scholastic Mountain Bike League
- f. Special Event-Decorah Pride-Ellis Arnold
- g. Tax Abatement-Sharon Folkedahl-507 E Water Street-New Construction
- h. Tax Abatement-Quandahl Investment Properties-108 Highland Drive #1-New Construction
- i. Tax Abatement-Travis Massman-401 and 403 Highland Dr-New Construction
- j. Tax Abatement-Aase Haugen Senior Services-Glen Barth Circle-New Construction
- k. Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Dixie's Biergarten
- l. Renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Magpie Café & Coffeehouse
- m. Resolution 3359 Setting the Date for a Public Hearing for the Decorah 2023 Alley Improvements Project
- n. Resolution 3360 Setting the Date for a Public Hearing for FYE '23 Amendments
- o. First Amendment of Development Agreement with 3Chicsrental, LLC

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

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and taking bids for the Decorah Steyer Bridge Repair Project at 6:11 pm. No public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:12 pm. Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3361 approving the plans, specifications, form of contract and awarding the bid to Skyline Construction for \$91,998.17, which was lower than the Engineer's estimate of \$117,374.00. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending Title 17 of the Municipal Code of Decorah related to bulk regulations of residential districts at 6:14 pm. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 6:15 pm. Luse made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 17 of Municipal Code of Decorah, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.28 of Municipal Code of Decorah related to qualifications for Civil Service Commissioners. The amendment would eliminate the five-year established residency in Decorah requirement to serve on the commission. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance providing for the division of taxes levied on taxable property in the April 2023 addition to the 2022 Bluffside Urban Renewal Area. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. Hadley made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1309 providing of taxes levied on taxable property in the April 2023 addition to the 2022 Bluffside Urban Renewal Area. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance setting the water rates for fiscal year 2024. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance setting the sewer rates for fiscal year 2024. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapters 12.28 and 12.32 and multiple sections of the Municipal Code of Decorah related to sidewalks. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1310 amending Chapter 12.40 related to trees and shrubbery, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Neal, Olson, Zittergruen, Johnson, Luse. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

City Manager Travis Goedken spoke regarding the five openings on the Board of Appeals. He suggested that if Decorah is not able to get applications for this board, we would have another option of having individuals appeal to the International Code Council. The individuals would have to pay for the appeal but if the Council would agree with the appeal, the City of Decorah would reimburse the individual that put forth the appeal. There will be a deadline for applications for the Board of Appeals of June 15, 2023, and then the Council will consider which route the City of Decorah should take.

Adjourn at 7:00 pm

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer