

May 15, 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, Kirk Johnson, Steve Luse, Ross Hadley, Emily Neal

Mayor Borowski presented Decorah's Water Department employee, Dennis Myhre, a 50 Years of Service pin and congratulated him on his pending retirement on May 26, 2023.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the May 1, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Partial Pay Application #1 for Decorah 2022 Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project
- d. Partial Pay Application #2 for Decorah 2022 P.C. Concrete Patching Project
- e. Vesterheim Commons Dedication Special Event
- f. Lawn Chair Night Special Event
- g. Decorah Band Special Event
- h. New Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service and Catering-Convergence CiderWorks
- i. Resolution 3369 to Set Public Hearing on Amending Section 17.16.190 of the Municipal Code Regarding Home Occupations
- j. Resolution 3368 to Set Public Hearing on Amending Section 17.16.030 of the Municipal Code Regarding Access Buildings and Permitted Accessory Uses
- k. Request for Proposals for Audit Services-3 Year Contract
- l. Resolution 3370 to Set Public Hearing for Second Amendment for FY 2023
- m. Tax Abatement-202 Saint Lawrence Street-David and Piper Hobbs-New Construction
- n. Tax Abatement-108 Highland Drive #4-Quandahl Investment Prop-New Construction
- o. Tax Abatement-909 Pleasant Avenue-Nancy Ulring-Rehabilitation

Steve Zittergruen requested for item J to be removed from the consent agenda. Emily Neal requested item N to be removed from the consent agenda.

Olson made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of items J and N, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Ross made a motion to approve item J, Resolution 3368, setting June 19, 2023, as the public hearing on amending Section 17.16.030 of Decorah Municipal Code on access buildings and permitted accessory uses. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Ross, Neal, Johnson, Schissel. Nays: Olson, Zittergruen, Luse. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve item N, Quandahl Investment Properties Tax Abatement application, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract, and awarding bids for the Decorah 2023 Alley Improvement Project at 6:16 pm. No public comment. Public Hearing was closed at 6:17 pm. Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3371 regarding the plans, specifications, form of contract and awarding the bid to Skyline Construction in the amount of \$117,361.74 for the Decorah 2023 Alley Improvement Project. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the FY '23 Amendment at 6:18 pm. No public comment. The public hearing was closed at 6:19 pm. Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3367 approving the FY '23 Budget Amendment; Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Dave Jones from McClure Engineering spoke to the Council regarding the Decorah Municipal Airport Corporate Hangar with Attached Terminal Building Project. Jones explained the process of bidding for this project and why the bid for the project was so much higher than the estimate. The prices of steel and fiber glass are one of the reasons the estimate came in so high. Jones stated that this is what they are seeing on all airport bids. Luse made a motion to reject Wick's Construction bid of \$2,740,974.50 and convert the secured FAA grant funding to a design only grant. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, explained to the Council that since the bid for the Decorah Municipal Airport project was rejected, there is no need to vote on the Task Order No. 3 with McClure Engineering and no need to vote on the authorizing of the application for the FY' 24 IDOT GAVI Grant.

Luse made a motion to approve the Governmental Health Care Plan as the new health insurance carrier for the City of Decorah, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the site plan for Viking Mountain Tool Works contingent on the following items:

1. *Applicant is not the current property owner, should be the owner prior to starting*
2. *Site plan dimensions do not match a plat from current property owner*
3. *Site grading is not in conjunction with the regional stormwater plan submitted, all building runoff needs directed towards the regional detention basin*
4. *Example of building detail given, but not finalized; applicant should provide buildings height, shape, use, and architectural theme*
5. *Site plan does not provide details on necessary street improvements; applicant needs to submit ROW work permit prior to construction with necessary information*
6. *Van accessible parking stall should be 11' wide with 5' wide aisle (per SUDAS)*
7. *Sidewalk plan specifies 3.5" concrete and needs to be 4" concrete; sidewalk shown extending onto private property due to conflict with existing utility, so applicant needs to provide a sidewalk easement to the City*
8. *A regional stormwater basin has been designed by Decorah Jobs for the area; as long as runoff is directed to regional basin, stormwater requirements are met; applicant's contractor will need to sign as co-applicant to existing NPDES General Permit No. 2 with the City for the area*

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

Zittergruen made a motion to table the approval of the preliminary plat for Kratz Subdivision, Olson seconded the motion. Zittergruen stated that he would like to have Public Safety's input on the plat before deciding on this matter. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried to table the approval of the preliminary plat for Kratz Subdivision.

Hadley made a motion to approve the C-3 Design for the Blazing Star at 120 East Water Street, owned by Sean Brown. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

The City Manager led a discussion with the Council on food trucks within the city limits. Goedken requested the Council's input on what they believe is needed for regulations regarding the operation of food trucks. Goedken will prepare options for the Council to consider at the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer