

June 19, 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: Steve Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, Kirk Johnson, Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, Emily Neal and Kirsten Olson

Thomas Hansen, 3469 Locust Road, commented he would like Council's support to be added to the July 17th meeting regarding representation on the Planning and Zoning Board and the proposed Kratz addition.

Decorah Historic Preservation Commission Chair, Mark Muggli, reported the Commission was the recipient of the Preservation at its Best award for the Altfillisch Project.

Police Chief, Dave Smutzler gave the Annual Report for 2021 and 2022

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the June 05, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Tax Abatement-108 Highland Drive #2 New Construction-Quandahl Properties
- d. Tax Abatement-108 Highland Drive #3 New Construction-Quandahl Properties
- e. Change Order #1 for Decorah 2022 Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project
- f. Pay Application #3 (Final) for Decorah 2022 Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project
- g. Resolution 3374 to Accept Decorah 2022 Pleasant Avenue Improvement Project as Complete
- h. Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License-Luther College Dahl Centennial Union
- i. Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License -Luther College Baker Commons

Olson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened Public Hearing at 6:12 on Amending 17.16.190 of Decorah Municipal Code Regarding Home Occupations. No Comment. Hearing Closed at 6:13.

Hadley motioned to approve 1st reading of an ordinance amending Section 17.16.190 of the Decorah Municipal Code Regarding Home Occupations contingent on change of wording to section F3 to include all religious leaders. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened public hearing at 6:20 regarding Amending Sections 17.16.030 and 17.68.030 of the Decorah Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Buildings and Permitted Accessory Uses. No comment. Public hearing closed at 6:21.

Luse motioned to approve the 1st reading of an ordinance amending Sections 17.16.030 and 17.68.030 of the Decorah Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Buildings and Permitted Accessory Uses. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened public hearing at 6:55 regarding Second Amendment of Spending Authority for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget. No Comment. Hearing Closed at 6:56

Schissel motioned to approve Resolution 3375 Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendment. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Schissel motioned to award Hacker & Nelson for audit services for fiscal year 2023 and for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Neal and seconded by Olson to approve the request to match funds for a USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Planning and Demonstration Grant. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski appointed Nan Sinclair to the Decorah Historic Preservation Commission. Motion was made by Luse and seconded by Olson to approve the appointment. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski stated that she did not say campfires should be banned as local media published. She stated the recommendations to the park board were to be courteous and respectful to your neighbors.

Goedken and Council expressed gratitude and appreciation to Chief Smutzler for his years of service. An open house to celebrate his retirement will be held on June 30, 2023, from 1:00 – 4:00.

Motion was made at 6:44 by Schissel to close the public meeting and go into closed session, Pursuant to Iowa Code a. Chapter 21.5 (1) (j)-To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for the property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Closed session ended at 7:33

Motion was made at 7:34 by Luse and seconded by Neal for closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code a. Chapter 21.5 (1)(i)-To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Closed session concluded at 8:12

8:13 Neal motioned to approve Resolution 3376 Setting Salary and Amending Employment Agreement with City Manager to include 5% cost of living increase as well as a 2% performance for fiscal year 2024 and amending severance package from 6 months to 9 months. Johnson seconded the motion. . Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson, Luse, Schissel, Neal and Olson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42

Renee Hill
Deputy City Clerk