

August 07, 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: Ross Hadley, Kirk Johnson, Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, and Kirsten Olson
Absent: Emily Neal and Steve Zittergruen

Mayor Borowski proclaimed the week of August 20th through the 26th, 2023 to be the Water and Wastewater Worker of Iowa Week

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 3378 Setting Public Hearing for Easement Agreement with 307 Oak Street
- d. Resolution 3379 Ordering Sidewalk Improvements
- e. Change Order #1 for Decorah 2022 P.C. Patching Project
- f. Pay Application #3 (Final) for Decorah 2022 P.C. Patching Project
- g. Resolution 3380 Accepting Decorah 2022 P.C. Patching Project as Complete
- h. Change Order #1 for Decorah 2023 Steyer Bridge Repair Project
- i. Pay Application #2 (Final) for Decorah 2023 Steyer Bridge Repair Project
- j. Resolution 3381 Accepting Decorah 2023 Steyer Bridge Repair Project as Complete
- k. Resolution 3382 Setting Public Hearing for the Decorah EOC/911 Dispatch /Shelter Generator Project
- l. Renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Impact Coffee
- m. Amendment of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Impact Coffee
- n. New Special Class C Alcohol License with Outdoor Service for Luther College Center for Faith and Life
- o. Renewal Class C Alcohol License for Corner Bar
- p. Renewal Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Fairfield Marriott Decorah
- q. New Class E Retail Alcohol License for Kwik Star at 306 College Drive
- r. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service, Living Quarters, and Catering for Rubaiyat
- s. Renewal Class E Retail Alcohol License for Wal-Mart Super Center
- t. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service and Catering for Toppling Goliath Brewing Co

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

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending Title 17-Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah related to Section 17.53.020 Storage on Residential Properties at 5:52 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:53 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve amending Title 17-Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah related to Section 17.53.020 Storage on Residential Properties. Olson seconded the motion. Hadley questioned whether a deck on top of the building would be considered a roof top cover. Building Inspector, Greg Swanson, stated that it would be considered a roof top cover. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Luse, Hadley, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to table the vote on consideration of an ordinance regarding Chapter 2.02 of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah related to Mayor and Council Compensation due to council members being absent, Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Johnson, Hadley. Nays: Luse, Schissel. Motion to table the vote fails. Luse made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance with compensating the Council \$50.00 a meeting as a whole council. This would include work sessions and personnel meetings but exclude committee meetings. Johnson questioned whether the motion included anything for the mayor. Luse stated that the mayor compensation should increase with the Consumer Price Index. Motion failed due to no one seconding the motion. Johnson made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance related to Mayor and Council compensation to include \$50.00 a meeting for Council when meeting as a whole and Mayor compensation to increase to \$5,200.00 per year. Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Luse, Hadley, and Olson. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3383 including the suggestions by John Anderson to include language that improvements must be approved by City Council and to add language so that either party can end the agreement at will, without cause, with a 30-day written notice. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Olson, Johnson, Schissel, and Luse. Nays: None.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3384 to accept a sidewalk easement at 209 College Drive, Olson seconded the motion. Pulpit Rock Brewing Company is granting the City of Decorah an easement to construct sidewalk improvements. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Olson, Luse, Johnson, and Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion to approve payment of \$150,000.00 to WCDT to fulfill the City's pledge to Sunflower Discovery Center using the ARPA funds, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Schissel, Luse, Hadley, and Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the Decorah Drinking Water Protection Plan final report, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Luse, Hadley, Schissel, and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to award the wayfinding study to Upper Explorerland at a cost of \$11,418.00 to the City of Decorah, Luse seconded the motion. Hadley stated that he was concerned that the lead time for Upper Explorerland was too long and thought we should consider going with Northeast Iowa RC&D to save time. City Manager, Travis Goedken, said he would discuss the timing concern with Upper Explorerland. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Luse, Hadley, Schissel, and Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve an agreement with the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 66 to allow Troop 66 to place a can bin in the gravel 48-hour parking lot near the recycling dumpsters. In return, Troop 66 will pick up the debris that accumulates due to the recycling dumpsters and other litter. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Johnson, Luse, and Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski made an announcement that there is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment. The City of Decorah will accept applications until August 31, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer