

August 21, 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, Kirsten Olson, Emily Neal, and Steve Zittergruen

Service pins were presented to the following employees: Chris Ness for 35 years and Mandy Groth for 20 years. Absent: Scott Vande Krol, 10 years and Jason Hovey, 10 years.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting and Budget and Finance Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Next Council Meeting September 5, 2023 due to holiday
- d. Kwik Star #1190 College Drive Tobacco Permit
- e. Special Event Permit Art Haus Run
- f. Special Event Permit Sugar Bowl Sock Hop in the Street, Car Show
- g. Iowa Civil Rights Commission Cooperative Agreement
- h. Resolution 3385 Setting Public Hearing on Rezoning of Business Park-Orvella Property
- i. Resolution 3386 Setting Public Hearing for the Decorah 2023 Miller Park Trail Improvements Project
- j. Amendment Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – Impact Coffee
- k. New Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – Traveling Tapster
- l. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – JT Haymarket LLC

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

Hadley made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1318 to amend Title 17 of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah related to Section 17.53.020 Storage on Residential Properties. Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Schissel, Olson, Neal, Zittergruen, Johnson, Luse. Nays: None. Motion carried. Schissel made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1318, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Schissel, Zittergruen, Luse, Johnson, Hadley, Neal, Olson. Motion carried.

Johnson made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.02 of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah regarding the mayor and council compensation. Olson seconded the motion. This will compensate the council for any council meeting of the whole and raise the mayor salary to \$5,200.00 per year. Roll call vote. Ayes: Johnson, Olson, Neal, Hadley, Luse, Zittergruen. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

An ordinance to amend Chapter 9.30 Liquor and Intoxication of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah requiring patrons to be 21 years old or older was presented to Council. Chief Thein spoke to Council regarding the challenges for the Decorah Police Department with underage drinking. Julie Simiele of 810 Linden Street spoke to Council giving her opinion on the potential change in age. Simiele owns Your Place in Decorah and feels that the underage patrons should be allowed in the bars. It gives them a place to go to be with friends. If they are not allowed in the bars, it will become a problem elsewhere for others to deal with. This will also cause a financial hardship on the bar due to having to hire more staff to check I.D.'s at the door. Hadley made a motion to table the ordinance and send it to the Public Safety Committee to work through, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3387 to allow the City Clerk-Finance Officer to pay claims that are due before the next regular council meeting to avoid late fees and avoid disturbances in services. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the issuance of City of Decorah Goal Setting Request for Proposals, Neal seconded the motion. The intention is to have a goal setting work session with council on November 27, 2023. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski announced that there is an opening on the Board of Adjustment. The City of Decorah will be taking applications until August 31, 2023.

Schissel made a motion at 6:40 pm to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) regarding real estate, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Zittergruen, Olson, Neal, Luse, Hadley, Johnson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Council came out of closed session at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer