

October 2, 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

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the September 18 and September 25, 2023, Meetings
- b. Claims
- c. Tax Abatement at 312 East Street-Dean and Teresa McCabe-New Garage
- d. Renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Skyline Lanes, LLC
- e. Amendment of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Skyline Lanes, LLC
- f. Appointment of Brian Erickson to the Tree Board

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

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing at 5:53 PM on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and taking bids for the Decorah 2023 Miller Park Recreational Trail Improvement Project. Jeremy Brill, the city engineer, gave an overview of what is being proposed and bid out. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:54 PM.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3390 which approves the base bid plus alternate #1 and alternate #3 from Skyline Construction in the amount of \$113,111.50 for Miller Recreational Trail Improvement Project. Alternate #1 is paving the trail in concrete and Alternate #3 is sidewalk work and removing of the retaining wall. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1319 which amends the official zoning map of the City of Decorah in Title 17, Section 17.60.020 of the Municipal Code of the City of Decorah to change the zoning classification from A-1 Agricultural District to C-1 Highway Commercial District for a parcel of real estate owned by Decorah Jobs, Inc. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. Luse made a motion to waive the third reading of Ordinance 1319 and adopt the change in zoning classification, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley, Neal, Schissel, Johnson, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Luse made a motion to approve Resolution 3391 proposing sale of city owned property in the vicinity of Decorah High School Softball Diamond and the corner of Claiborne Drive and Heivly Street and setting a date for a public hearing on the sale of city owned property which is to be held October 16, 2023. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Luse, Neal, Johnson, Hadley, Olson, Zittergruen. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3392 to approve the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Broadway Street and Winnebago Street. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Olson, Luse, Hadley, Johnson. Nays: Neal and Schissel. Motion carried.

City Engineer, Jeremy Brill, led a discussion with council on possibly installing an accessible parking stall on Winnebago Street. This change would help the buses make their turn onto Winnebago Street and yet be used as a handicap parking stall on Sundays. The council indicated that they would consider such a change through resolution. Brill will move forward with creating the resolution. Brill also spoke about transitioning Franklin Street and Jefferson Street to one sided parking due to the difficulty of vehicles getting through the streets when vehicles are parked on both sides. This also leads to challenges of snow removal on these two streets. Brill suggests creating one-sided parking on Franklin Street between Broadway and Grove and between Broadway to Mill for Jefferson Street. Again, the council indicated that they would be interested in a resolution that would make this change.

Zittergruen made a motion to award Upper Explorerland the proposal for the November 27, 2023, goal setting session in the amount of \$2,100.00. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Engineer Brill presented a two-year plan for the FY '25 Street Improvement Plan. The plan would enable the Street Department to work on smaller projects in the first year and then a complete reconstruction of Heivly Street in year two. This would allow the funds to build up a year to help cover the costs that would be incurred in year two. The council came to a consensus to move forward with this plan.

Mayor Borowski announced that the city will be taking applications for the Telecommunications Utility Board until October 31, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer