

November 20, 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.

Member present: Randy Schissel, Emily Neal, Kirsten Olson, Steve Luse, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Kirk Johnson

Tom Hansen of 3469 Locust Road, Decorah, spoke to the Council during the public comment regarding the flag policy.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the November 06, 2023, Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 3403 Setting Public Hearing on Amending Section 17.16.030 Related to Accessory Buildings
- d. Tax Abatement at 1010/1012 Glen Barth Circle as Nabotunet Senior Living Neighborhood – Aase Haugen Senior Services
- e. Consider Resolution 3404 Obligating Funds from Urban Renewal Revenue Fund to Rebound Hospitality FY 25 Payment for Tax Increment Financed Obligations
- f. Consider Resolution 3405 Obligating Funds from Urban Renewal Revenue Fund to KAR Auto Group FY 25 Payment for Tax Increment Financed Obligations
- g. Consider Resolution 3406 Obligating Funds from Urban Renewal Revenue Fund to DECO Bluffs HyVee FY 25 Payment for Tax Increment Financed Obligations
- h. Consider Resolution 3407 Obligating Funds from Urban Renewal Revenue Fund to Skyline Motorsports FY 25 Payment for Tax Increment Financed Obligations
- i. Consider Resolution 3408 Obligating Funds from Urban Renewal Revenue Fund to Bluffside Gardens FY 25 Payment for Tax Increment Financed Obligations
- j. Consider Resolution 3409 Accepting Final Assessment Amounts for Decorah 2023 Alley Improvement Project
- k. Appointment of Jeff Clement as Fire Chief
- l. Resolution 3410 Accepting FYE 2023 Annual Financial Report
- m. FYE 2023 Annual Urban Renewal Report

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

Hadley made a motion to approve the purchase of a traffic control signal upgrade at College Drive and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3411 opposing Alliant Energy's proposed electric rate increase, Luse seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Luse, Hadley, Johnson, Zittergruen, Olson. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between the City of Decorah and Clean Energy District of Iowa with the pledge of \$8,000.00 for financial support to oppose the rate increase with the understanding that the memorandum of agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by notifying the other party in writing with 30 days' notice. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1320 amending 2.16.030 related to policies and procedures. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to waive the second and third reading and adopt Ordinance 1320, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.30 related to liquor and intoxication, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Schissel, Luse. Nays: Johnson, Zittergruen, Hadley, and Neal. Motion failed. Olson made a motion to approve the second option of amending Chapter 9.30 related to liquor and intoxication, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson and Schissel. Nays: Neal, Luse, Zittergruen, Hadley, Johnson. Motion failed.

Mayor Borowski announced that there are openings until filled for the Telecommunications Board and the Human Rights Commission. The Tree Board has an opening and applications for the Tree Board will be open until November 30, 2023.

Adjourned at 7:17 PM

Keri Sand  
City Clerk-Finance Officer