

January 16, 2024

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, Christopher Miculinich, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley (6:03 PM), and Brent Parker

Chief Thein presented the Life Saving Award to Sergeant Adam Ytzen for his actions in saving a citizen's life.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the January 2, 2024, Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution Setting Public Hearing on Amending Chapter 17.16 Related to Digital and Electronic Signs
- d. Resolution 3422 Directing Alliant Energy to Replace a Street Light on Highland Drive
- e. Special Class C Retail Alcohol License Renewal – Mabes Pizza

Zittergruen requested that item C be removed from the consent agenda. Olson made a motion to approve the consent agenda without item C, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Zittergruen, Schissel, Miculinich, Parker, Neal. Absent: Hadley. Motion carried.

Zittergruen requested more information on item C, setting a public hearing on amending Chapter 17.16 related to digital and electronic signs. The council discussed if they wanted to proceed to vote on the setting of the public hearing and hear from the public or to send it back to Planning and Zoning. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3423 setting the public hearing for February 19, 2024, to amend Chapter 17.16 related to digital and electronic signs, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Hadley, Parker, Miculinich. Nays: Zittergruen and Neal. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending Section 17.120.015 and Chapter 17.140 related to Floodplain District and Floodplain Management at 6:13 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 6:14 PM. Neal made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 17.120.015 and Chapter 17.140 related to Floodplain District and Floodplain Management. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Parker, Zittergruen, Miculinich, Hadley, Schissel. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3424 approving a three percent increase for the building and zoning permit application fees. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Zittergruen, Hadley, Miculinich, Parker, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, led the discussion on council committees and council rules of procedures. The council indicated that they would be in favor of no longer using the committees and instead have council work sessions that include the whole council to discuss issues that need to be addressed. The council also agreed that it would be beneficial to have two council members or an employee and a mayor to request something to be on a work session agenda. Goedken will prepare information to present to the council for a vote on February 5th.

Mayor Borowski announced that there are openings on the Telecommunications Board, Human Rights Commission, and the Sustainability Commission. The city will be accepting applications until filled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer