

March 18, 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.

Members present: Randy Schissel, Emily Neal, Kirsten Olson, Christopher Miculinich, Steven Zittergruen, Ross Hadley, and Brent Parker

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the March 04, 2024, Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Accept and File FY' 23 Audit
- d. Resolution 3435 Setting Public Hearing for Amending Chapter 17.84 R-5 Planned Unit Development District of the Decorah Municipal Code
- e. Resolution 3436 Setting Public Hearing for the Decorah 2024 Carlson Park Gateway Trail Project
- f. Tax Abatement at 1006 Shagbark Court-Ben Muzzio-New Construction
- g. New Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Traveling Tapster LLC
- h. Amendment Class C Retail Alcohol License – Impact Coffee

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

Mayor Borowski called the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and taking bids on Decorah 2024 Dry Run Diversion Channel Improvements Projects at 5:48 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:49 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3437 approving the plans, specifications, form of contract, and taking bids for the Decorah 2024 Dry run Diversion Channel Improvements Project. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3438 requesting the United States of America to release land from existing lease with the City of Decorah. Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3439 to approve setting a public hearing for fiscal year 2024 budget amendment. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 2.08 City Engineer and creating Chapter 12.06 Street Superintendent of the Decorah Municipal Code. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Olson, Zittergruen, Miculinich, Parker, Neal, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance creating Chapter 2.10 Public Works of the Decorah Municipal Code. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Miculinich, Zittergruen, Neal, Hadley, Parker, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Andy Johnson of the Winneshiek Energy District spoke to the Council and gave background on Alliant Energy's rate increases and the status of Alliant Energy's request for a rate increase from the Iowa Utility Board.

After brief discussion, Zittergruen made a motion to approve giving the staff direction to retain David Lynch as special counsel for City of Decorah to pursue communication with the Iowa Utility Board during the summer 2024 to request the infrastructure formula that the IUB would use in deciding the value of the service area, determine what types of oversight the IUB can have during a referendum, and to help develop ballot language that clearly defines the referendum with a cap of expenses not to exceed \$20,000.00 to be funded by the Sustainability Fund. The motion also directs staff to obtain advice from the special council on the appropriate timing for a referendum. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Hadley, Neal, Parker. Nays: Schissel, Miculinich, Olson. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer