

May 20, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Randy Schissel 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, Ross Hadley, and Brent Parker

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the May 6, 2024, Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Pulpit Rock Brewing Company
- d. Renewal Class B Retail Alcohol License-Kwik Star #629 905 Short Street
- e. Renewal Class B Retail Alcohol License-Kwik Star #1081 1101 Montgomery St
- f. Special Event Pulpit 2 Pulpit 5k Run and 1 Mile Walk for Charity
- g. Special Event Nordic Fest Community Festival
- h. Resolution 3448 Setting Public Hearing for the Decorah 2024 Street Improvements-Asphalt Resurfacing Project
- i. Appointment of Michelle J. Boike to Decorah Human Rights Commission

Olson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Parker seconded the motion. Miculinich requested that item G be removed from the consent agenda and addressed following the consent agenda. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Miculinich, Schissel, Hadley, Neal. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve item G. Special Event Nordic Fest Community Festival, Parker seconded the motion. Schissel suggested an amendment to waive the special event fee for Nordic Fest; no support was given by other council members. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Parker, Neal, Schissel, Olson. Nays: None. Miculinich abstained due to being a community stakeholder on the Nordic Fest Board. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3449 approving Decorah Municipal Airport Hangar and Terminal Project, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Olson, Schissel, Neal, Miculinich, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried. Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3450 approving Decorah Municipal Airport Solar Array Project. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Neal, Schissel, Miculinich, Parker, Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried. Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3451 grant application for FAA AIP 3-0025-017 with local match of \$14,447.00 which will be funded by the sustainability fund. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Olson, Schissel, Parker, Miculinich, Neal. Nays: None. Motion carried. Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3452 approving application for IDOT GAVI Grant for the proposed hangar/terminal project. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Miculinich, Parker, Schissel, Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried. Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3453 approving grant application for FAA AIP 3-19-0025-018 & 019 for the airport hangar and terminal project. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Neal, Hadley, Miculinich, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried. Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3454 approving the construction administration services agreement with Mc Clure Engineering for the airport hangar and terminal project, Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Neal, Schissel, Hadley, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the C-3 Design Application for Rebound Partners at 105 East Water Street, 107 East Water Street, 109 East Water Street, and 106 Washington Street. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Miculinich, Hadley, Neal, Schissel, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried. Travis Goedken went over the requested incentives from Rebound Partners for renovation of the second floor of multiple buildings into apartments. The property already qualifies for tax abatement under the current Decorah C-3 Urban Revitalization Plan. Rebound Partners is also requesting 10 years of tax increment financing rebates for the remaining portion of taxable value that is not subject to abatement. The consensus of the council was to grant the request. City staff will move forward with this information.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3455 supporting submission of an IEDA application to the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program for the Anundsen Building Project. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Neal, Schissel, Parker, Miculinich, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3456 supporting submission of an IEDA application to the Workforce Housing Tax Credit Program for the Building Supply Site. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Neal, Schissel, Parker, Miculinich, Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3457 setting the rates at \$25.00 per day and \$10.00 per food truck per day for the special event application. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Parker, Hadley, Miculinich. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to table the Water Street Closure Policy discussion to June 3rd, Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Miculinich, Schissel, Parker, Neal, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the request for qualifications to be used to solicit qualifications from interested consulting firms for the planning and design of the thirty acres purchased from Dahlen's. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Hadley, Neal, Parker, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending Section 10.52.220 Parking on Boulevards Prohibited of the Decorah Municipal Code. Neal seconded the motion. This amendment would allow parking in boulevards by resolution of the council. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Neal, Miculinich, Olson, Parker, Hadley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the second reading of an amendment to Chapter 13.44 Storm Water Management of the Decorah Municipal Code, Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Schissel, Miculinich, Hadley. Nays: Neal. Motion carried. Hadley made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt the amendment, Olson seconded the motion. After further discussion Hadley and Olson withdrew their motion. The third reading will take place at the June 3rd meeting.

Olson made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1328 amending Chapter 17.84 Planned Unit Development District of the Decorah Municipal Code, Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Neal, Miculinich, Hadley, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1329 amending Chapter 6.20 Dogs-Control and Licensing of the Decorah Municipal Code, Neal seconded the motion. This change in ordinance will require a dog to be on a leash or on an electronic leash when off person's property. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Neal, Parker, Miculinich, Hadley. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to table the discussion on amending Decorah's Sign Ordinance and creating Chapter 15.20 of the Decorah Municipal Code, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Hadley, Olson, Parker, Miculinich, Schissel, Neal. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The council discussed the possibility of issuing parking permits to individuals that live downtown that would authorize them to park in designated areas overnight. This could also not allow parking in certain areas as well. Staff will work through the information and come back to council with options of potential programs.

Schissel announced that there is an opening on the Decorah Human Right's Commission and there is also an opening on the Decorah Library Board as of July 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer