

August 5, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Lorraine 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, Brent Parker, Steve Zittergruen (Zoom), Ross Hadley, Mayor Lorraine Borowski and City Clerk Keri Sand

Tom Hansen, 3469 Locust Road, Decorah IA spoke during public comment. Hansen spoke regarding vandalism that happened in Decorah last year and how it was managed. He feels that the Council went silent when it was discovered that this was done by minorities from liberal families. Hansen then spoke regarding the court case that was brought against him regarding the flag policy and how the Council tried taking his freedom of speech away. Then when he came into City Hall to pick up a special event form, he discovered that you are no longer able to request flags on the special event form. Hansen then spoke of an incident at Chattahoochie Park on June 6<sup>th</sup> and the Council being silent on the matter. Hansen stated he is tired of a two-tiered justice system depending on someone's political affiliation. Hansen then called for Councilman Steve Zittergruen to resign from office for his involvement in the incident at Chattahoochie Park.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the July 15, 2024, Council Meeting and July 22, 2024, Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License-Pizza Hut
- d. Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Luther College Center for Faith and Life
- e. Renewal of Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Impact Coffee
- f. Renewal of Class E Retail Alcohol License-Kwik Trip 306 College Drive
- g. Renewal of Class E Retail Alcohol License-Wal-Mart
- h. Renewal of Class B Retail Alcohol License-Oneota Community Cooperative
- i. Tax Abatement-556 Massman Drive, Aaron Dahlen-New Construction

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 opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, estimate of cost, and form of contract for the Dry Run Creek WQI Wetland Project at 5:52 PM. No public comment. The public hearing was closed at 5:54 PM. Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3478 approving the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and form of contract for the Dry Run Creek WQI Wetland Project. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, estimate of cost, and form of contract for the Decorah 2024 Quarry Street Improvement Project at 5:55 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:56 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3479 approving the plans, specifications, estimate of cost, and form of contract for the Decorah 2024 Quarry Street Improvement Project. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3480 accepting the recommended ranking of responses to the Dahlen Property Development Request for qualifications and directing the City Manager to negotiate a scope of services agreement with ISG. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve a resolution providing notice of intent to fill a council vacancy by appointment. Neal then withdrew the motion. Neal then made a motion to table the resolution providing notice of intent to fill a council vacancy by appointment and to address the resolution with a special meeting by the end of the week. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Schissel, Miculinich, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Hadley abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve a resolution ordering a special election to fill a council vacancy on November 5, 2024. Motion dies due to no second motion. Neal made a motion to table the resolution to order a special election to fill a council vacancy and to address the resolution with a special meeting by the end of the week. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Zittergruen, Parker, Miculinich. Nays: Schissel. Hadley abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Hadley made a motion to approve Resolution 3481 establishing Complete Street Principles, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3482 approving the transfer of funds to Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) for the partial self-funding portion of the employees' health insurance. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the contract approving services between Upper Exploreland Regional Planning Commission for the Low-Income Energy Savings Initiative Project EECBG. Olson seconded the

motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Zittergruen, Schissel, Miculinich, Parker. Nays: Hadley. Motion carried. Hadley stated that he is not happy with Upper Exploreland and the way that projects are being managed.

Hadley made a motion to waive the review of Cedar Heights Subdivision-3<sup>rd</sup> Addition, Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the final plat of Briar Grove Subdivision, Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the C-3 Design Application for 111 Winnebago, owned by David Lester and Amalia Vagts. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1333 amending Title 6-Animals of the Decorah Municipal Code, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Zittergruen, Miculinich, Hadley. Nays: Schissel and Parker. Motion carried.

Council came to the consensus to wait until the City Manager has returned before having the noise ordinance discussion.

Brent Parker discussed the topic of permitted parking for residents that live downtown and do not have designated parking. The Council directed staff to come back to Council with a proposal for permitted parking for downtown residents. They would also like a snow removal plan as part of this proposal.

Special Meeting to address the upcoming council vacancy will be Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 5:45 PM at the Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM

Keri Sand  
City Clerk-Finance Officer