

August 19, 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, Ross Hadley (Zoom), Mayor Lorraine Borowski and City Clerk Keri Sand

Tom Hansen, 3469 Locust Road, Decorah IA spoke during public comment. He stated that former State Senator Bill Dix was caught on video in Des Moines kissing someone other than his wife on March 1, 2018. The Republicans, including Tom Hansen, Democrats and the media was immediate. Dix resigned on March 12, 2018. It has been two and half months since Steve Zittergruen was caught on video at Chattahoochee Park doing something just as immoral. There has been no response from Democrats or city council. As an elected official, Steve Zittergruen private actions reflect on his public service. Steve Zittergruen needs to resign from this council.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the August 5, 2024, Council Meeting and August 8, 2024, Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 3484 Setting Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Central Business District Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment
- d. Resolution 3485 Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Decorah East Side Residential Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project
- e. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License-Corner Bar
- f. Renewal Special Class C Retail Alcohol License-Koreana
- g. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-La Rana Bistro
- h. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service, Catering, and Living Quarters-Rubaiyat
- i. Renewal of Special Class C Retail Alcohol License-Fairfield Marriott

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

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3486 approving a service agreement with ISG for Dahlen Property planning. Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3487 approving the final plat of Briar Grove Subdivision, Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 2.22.030 of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding Board of Park Commissioners Powers and Duties. Hadley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried. Schissel made a motion to waive the second and third reading and adopt the ordinance, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Parker, Miculinich, Hadley. Nays: Emily. Motion fails due to needing six out of seven votes to waive the second and third reading.

Hadley made a motion to approve the C-3 Design Application for Vesterheim at 418 West Water Street, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

The council discussed an overnight permitted parking program for individuals that live downtown above commercial businesses. City staff referred to a report that showed that there is enough overnight parking stalls compared to the number of downtown residents. The council will have a work session in September to discuss the overnight permitted parking program and the city street plan when more information will be available.

The council discussed the possibility of a noise ordinance. City Manager, Travis Goedken, discussed several types of noise ordinances that either work with time, activity, and/or decibels. The council has requested that Goedken create an ordinance using a combination of time and decibels to enforce a noise ordinance. This will be presented at a future council meeting.

City Manager Goedken reviewed a downtown economic development grant program for businesses in the downtown district. The council gave Goedken feedback on what they liked about the program and requested that he bring the program back to council for review and vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer

