

October 7, 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, Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Travis Goedken, and City Clerk Keri Sand

Mayor Borowski read a proclamation supporting Indigenous Peoples Day

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of September 16, 2024, Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 3498 Setting a Date of Meeting at Which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with Hight Point East, LLC, Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments
- d. Resolution 3499 Setting Public Hearing on Easement for Parking in the Right of Way at 803 Commerce Drive
- e. Resolution 3500 to Award Tree Inventory Bid to Eocene Environmental Group
- f. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Skyline Lanes, LLC
- g. Rainbow Run Fundraiser Special Event Sponsored by Art Haus for October 13, 2024
- h. Change Order #1 Decorah 2024 Dry Run Diversion Channel Improvements
- i. Pay Application #1 Decorah 2024 Dry Run Diversion Channel Improvements

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 regarding wood chip disposal with Jewell Enterprises at 5:52 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:53 PM. Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3501 approving wood chip disposal agreement with Jewell Enterprises. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing regarding the development agreement with Decorah Real Estate Fund LP at 5:55 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 5:56 PM. Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3502 approving the development agreement with Decorah Real Estate Fund LP, authorizing annual appropriation tax increment payments, and pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment agreement. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3503 establishing a written comment policy for public hearings, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3504 ordering sidewalk repairs at 121 East Water Street to be completed by June 1, 2025. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

The Decorah City Council held a discussion on off-road vehicles being allowed on the Decorah city streets. Les Askelson of 908 Pine Ridge Road, spoke to the council encouraging them to allow off-road vehicles, known as side-by-side vehicles, to be allowed on city streets. The general consensus of the council was to direct staff to move forward with creating an ordinance to allow off-road vehicles on city streets and present this ordinance at a future council meeting.

Neal made a motion to approve designating funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Hotel/Motel Fund and \$75,000.00 from the Sustainability Fund to be used towards the Downtown Economic Development Grant Program. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Zittergruen, Parker, Miculinich, Olson. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

There was no discussion held regarding the noise ordinance due to the council waiting for information.

Mayor Borowski announced that there are openings on the Decorah Human Rights Commission and the Tree Board. She encouraged residents to come to Decorah City Hall and complete the application.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, also wanted to remind residents to have their house numbers on their homes, visible from the street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM

Keri Sand  
City Clerk-Finance Officer

