

October 21, 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, Steve Zittergruen, Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Travis Goedken, and City Clerk Keri Sand

Absent: Brent Parker

Aaron Detter with Upper Explorerland presented report on the Decorah Wayfinding Project

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of the October 7, 2024, Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Agreement for Technical Services with Strand Associates for Replacement of Water Meters
- d. Pay Application #2 for the Decorah 2024 Dry Run Diversion Channel Improvements Project
- e. Pay Application #1 for the Dry Run Creek WQI Wetland Project

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

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending Title 17 Zoning of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding can redemption centers as principal permitted uses at 6:05 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing regarding amending Title 17 Zoning at 6:06 PM. Zittergruen made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend Title 17 Zoning of the Decorah Municipal Code. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Neal, Schissel, Miculinich, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance on designation of the expanded Central Business District Urban Renewal Area and Urban Renewal Plan. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Neal, Schissel, Miculinich, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance on designation of the Decorah East Side Residential Urban Renewal Area and Urban Renewal Plan and Project. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Zittergruen, Neal, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 10.80 of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding the regulation of the off-road vehicles with the addition of allowing off-road vehicles on the paved areas of Palisades Park and the Decorah Pulpit Campground. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Miculinich, Neal, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the C-3 Design for The Getup at 212 West Water Street, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the site plan for Truck Country of Iowa at 2329 Millenium Road with the following contingencies:

- b. Current property owners are shown as Decorah Jobs, and they need to show as Truck Country
- c. The site plan needs to show a utilities easement for existing city water main and private utilities in the former Highway 9 right of way. Right of way and other labels need to be shown that are currently listed as to be determined in the submittal letter
- d. Applicant's engineer needs to confirm Airport Transition Zone heights

Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Schissel, Zittergruen, Miculinich, Neal. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the site plan for Quandahl Investment Properties at 709 Washington Street, Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Neal, Schissel, Olson, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3505 approving the final plat for the proposed Frye-Cole Subdivision, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the Artificial Intelligence Policy with a yearly review by council. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, discussed with the council that union negotiations will be coming up in the next couple of months and wanted to get input regarding council involvement. In the past a council

member has been involved in union negotiations. Consensus is that the council would like to have an opportunity to discuss it in closed session before union negotiations are held.

The council discussed the Downtown Overnight Parking Plan. Council reviewed the map of Decorah showing where each type of parking would be allowed in the parking program. After discussion, the council came to a general consensus to continue to move forward with the overnight parking discussions and the possible change to the Snow Emergency Procedures Ordinance 10.76.

The council discussed briefly Chapter 2.22-Board of Park Commissioners.

Mayor Borowski announced that there are openings on the Decorah Human Rights Commission and the Tree Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer