

November 4, 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 (Zoom), Steve Zittergruen, Brent Parker Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Travis Goedken, and City Clerk Keri Sand

Absent: None

Public Comment was made by Tom Hansen at 3469 Locust Road. Hansen spoke regarding Emily Neal's comments at the last council meeting regarding voting for President Donald Trump. Hansen has been in contact with the Ethics and Finance Committee, and they have assured Hansen that they would be investigating the incident. Hansen also spoke regarding making public comment on city property and how he has been told that people are not allowed to make public comment on city property.

Trisha Wilkins with Northeast Iowa Community Action presented an annual report.

Consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of October 21, 2024, Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Appointment of R. Ivy Riggs to the Tree Board

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

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing regarding the easement for parking in the right of way at 803 Commerce Drive at 5:58 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing regarding 803 Commerce Drive at 5:59 PM. Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3506 approving the easement for parking in the right of way at 803 Commerce Drive. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing regarding the development agreement with High Point East LLC, authorizing annual appropriation tax increment payments and pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment of the agreement at 6:02 PM. Mike Kelly of 2414 Red Oak Road, the developer, addressed the council. Kelly explained that there would be a total of sixteen lots, eight in the first phase and eight in the second phase with two of those lots being for multi-family. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 6:04 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3507 approving the development agreement with High Point East LLC and the annual appropriation tax increment payments and pledging certain tax increment revenues to the payment of the agreement. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Parker, Neal, Miculinich. Nays: Zittergruen. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3508 approving the memorandum of agreement with Decorah Human Powered Trails, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3509 amending the Decorah Downtown Economic Development Grant Program. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1336 on the designation of the Expanded Central Business District Urban Renewal Area and Urban Renewal Plan. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Schissel, Zittergruen, Neal, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1337 on designation of the Decorah East Side Residential Urban Renewal Area and Urban Renewal Plan and Project. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Miculinich, Neal, Zittergruen, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1338 amending Title 17-Zoning of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding can redemption centers as primary permitted uses. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Zittergruen, Miculinich, Neal, Olson, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried. Schissel made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1338 amending Title 17-Zoning of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding can redemption centers as primary permitted uses. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Zittergruen, Neal, Olson, Parker, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1339 amending Chapter 10.80 of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding the regulation of off-road vehicles, Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Zittergruen, Neal, Parker, Olson, Miculinich. Nays: None. Motion

carried. Schissel made a motion to waive the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1339 amending Chapter 10.80 regulating off-road vehicles, Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Miculinich, Parker, Neal, Zittergruen, Olson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to go into closed session at 7:00 PM to discuss strategy to upcoming collective bargaining negotiations as authorized by Section 20.17(3) Code of Iowa and Exempt from Chapter 21 requirements. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Parker, Neal, Miculinich, Schissel, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve representation of the council in union negotiations as Mayor Borowski, Council Member Parker, and Council Member Olson. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to go into closed session at 7:31 PM to discuss settlement negotiations presently in litigation as authorized by Section 21.5(1)(c), Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to go back into open session at 7:45 PM, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the Amy Chico's and Kenneth Lembke settlement in the amount of \$37,500.00, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Olson, Neal, Parker, Miculinich, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

City Manager, Travis Goedken, announced that the city will be accepting applications for the Decorah Downtown Economic Development Grant until November 22, 2024. Applications can be obtained at the Clerk's Office at the Decorah City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer