

December 16, 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, Brent Parker, Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Travis Goedken, and City Clerk Keri Sand

Absent: None

Tim Wagner of 505 Franklin Street, Decorah spoke during public comment regarding the Municipal Electric Utility vote. Wagner expressed his frustration with incorrect information being spread regarding the MEU vote. Wagner encouraged the Council to not tolerate attempts by Alliant to mislead Decorah residents. Wagner encouraged the Council to stand up to it and demand accuracy. Wagner stated that Decorah deserves honesty and integrity.

Kent Klocke of 702 Decorah Avenue, Decorah spoke regarding how important accurate information is and that citizens should look at all sides. He requested that the city website restore the links to the MEU so that they work so people can get accurate information.

Jessica Riling with the Decorah Chamber of Commerce gave an update on current projects.

The consent agenda was presented.

- a. Minutes of December 2, 2024, Council Meeting
- b. Claims
- c. C-3 Design Application for Marhaba, LLC at 107 West Water Street-Contingent on DHPC Endorsement
- d. Resolution 3520 Setting Public Hearing on Amending Title 17 of the Decorah Municipal Code, Section 17.36.020 Procedure; Regarding Site Plans
- e. Resolution 3521 Accepting Recommended Rankings for Energy Planning Services RFQ Responses
- f. Resolution 3522 Awarding Downtown Economic Development Grants
- g. Resolution 3523 Approving 2025 Airport Capital Improvements Plan
- h. Change Order #1 for Decorah 2024 Street Improvements – Asphalt Resurfacing Project
- i. Change Order #2 (Rectify Quantities) for Decorah 2024 Street Improvements – Asphalt Resurfacing Project
- j. Pay Application #2 (Final) for Decorah 2024 Street Improvements – Asphalt Resurfacing Project
- k. Resolution 3524 Accepting Decorah 2024 Street Improvements – Asphalt Resurfacing Project as Complete
- l. Pay Application #3 for Dry Run Creek WQI Wetland Project
- m. Reappointment of Martin Refsal to Planning and Zoning Commission
- n. Appointment of Tim Wagner to the Decorah Sustainability Commission
- o. Tax Abatement Aase Haugen Senior Services- 1014/1016 Glen Barth Circle- New Construction
- p. Tax Abatement Aase Haugen Senior Services- 1009/1011 Glen Barth Circle-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.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3525 establishing Decorah Records Retention Policy by reference, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Parker made a motion to approve Resolution 3526 approving the funding agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation for the State Recreation Trails Grant awarded for the Carlson Park Phases 1A & 1B project. Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the master list of education material for the MEU vote contingent on the Iowa Ethics Board approving the material. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: Olson, Schissel, Miculinich. Motion fails. After discussion on how to move forward, there was general consensus to have staff send the master list of education material for the MEU to the Iowa Ethics Board for review.

Neal made a motion to approve the appointment of Johanna Bergan to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Miculinich, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

The City Manager went over the schedule of budget work sessions for January. Non-general obligation departments will be reviewed on January 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM and general obligation departments will be reviewed on January 27, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer