

April 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Arendt at 5:45 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Gary Rustad, Steve Luse, Randy Schissel, Chuck Lore, Kirk Johnson.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Luse, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Jim Fritz, Fast Fiber, updated the council on their efforts to date with this initiative. They have pledged to raise 50% of the funds needed to complete a feasibility study. They have raised \$14,000 to date towards their goal with another fund raiser planned for April 15 at the Steyer Opera House.

Motion by Carlson, second by Luse to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Beer Permit for Casey's General Store, College Dr., including Sunday Sales
- d. **PPE #2** Indi-Com Electric for WWTP Generator Replacement Project - \$70,287.89
- e. Request to use City property along Heivly St and the boulevard near the Farmers Market area for a "Break Free" from fossil fuel event on Saturday, May 7, 2016, 8am – 1pm
- f. Renewal Class B Beer permit for Pulpit Rock Brewing including Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area
- g. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 222 East Water Street, Brock's Valhalla Tattoo – sign
- h. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 401 West Water Street, Decorah News.Com – sign
- i. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 212 West Water Street, Sports World / Dyesports – signs
- j. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 107 West Water Street, Pinter's – sign
- k. Request to close 2 parking spots in front of T-Bocks for Time-Trials April 30, 2pm – 7pm

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Lore, to approve introduction and second reading of Ordinance 1181 an ordinance amending the code of ordinances for the City of Decorah pertaining to Chapters 13.24 and 13.28 Sewer Service Charges. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Johnson, to approve introduction and second reading of Ordinance 1182 an ordinance establishing the Decorah Municipal Communications Utility Board of Trustees. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore to approve the site plan for Rebound Hospitality/Fairfield Inn & Suites, 1101 State Hwy 9 West. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Luse, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2717 approving the final plat for Riverwalk Second Addition Subdivision. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Arendt opened discussion on a site plan amendment requesting a change of paint color for Walmart, 1798 Old Stage Road.

Councilperson Johnson stated there is no compelling reason to make this change. Councilperson Luse agreed.

Councilperson Bellrichard has heard from different community members who want the colors to remain as is.

Councilperson Lore stated his concern about business coming to town. The proposed colors are their signature colors. He supports allowing this change and strongly urged the council to approve.

Councilperson Carlson has spoken with 1 resident who is vehemently opposed to the change.

Councilperson Schissel feels Walmart has been a good community partner and we should allow the request.

Motion by Johnson, second by Luse, to deny the request to amend the site plan. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Johnson, Luse, Rustad, Carlson, Bellrichard. Voting nay: Schissel, Lore. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Bellrichard, to adopt Resolution 2718 approving the form of contract and awarding the bid for the Sweet Parkway Road Improvement Project to Skyline Construction. Division 1 bid \$619,999.94 eligible for the awarded RISE grant. Division II bid Utilities \$5,938 – this division ineligible for RISE grant funds. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellrichard, second by Schissel, to approve the Mayor appointment of Jeremy Brill and re-appointment of Mark Faldet to the Tree Board: Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.