

April 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Arendt at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: John Franzen, Julie Fischer, Paul Wanless, Randy Schissel, Gary Rustad, and Rachel Vagts. Absent: Carolyn Corbin

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

Dave Hageman, representing Winneshiek Co. Landfill and Terry Buenzow, representing Winneshiek Co. Recycling, each gave a brief update on the status of their respective organizations.

Mayor Arendt announced he had signed a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day, April 27.

Motion by Schissel, second by Fischer, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. New license for Special Class C Beer/Wine License for The Courtyard, 421 W Water St, including outdoor service area and Sunday Sales
- d. Renewal Special Class BW License for T-Bocks including Sunday Sales
- e. Final Change Order 7 (-\$42,267.48) Trout Run Trail Segment #10
- f. Final Pay Estimate 12 (Releasing Retainage) \$54,504.12 Trout Run Trail Segment #10
- g. Resolution 2557 accepting TRT Segment10 as complete and authorizing final payment
- h. Resolution 2556 setting a public hearing on the proposed FY'13 budget amendment. (May 6, 2013)
- i. Approve placement of signs on City R-O-W, May 1 – June 2 for Winneshiek Co. Bull Bash
- j. Set May 6, 2013 as the date for Quillins tobacco violation hearing

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vagts, second by Rustad, to approve an agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation for the Dry Run Trail Enhancement Grant. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Franzen, second by Fischer, to adopt Resolution 2558 approving the final plat for Apple Blossom Estates. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Franzen, second by Fischer, to approve submittal of a System Wide Improvement Framework (SWIF) Plan to the Army Corp of Engineers for each bank of the levee. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Franzen, to approve a downtown bicycle parking proposal from SSMID and Decorah Downtown Betterment Association for placement of bike racks at the following locations: 1st parking stall on the SW corner of Winnebago/Water, May - Oct, concrete area in front of Alliant Energy building – year round or until asked to remove and the last stall on the north side of the 400 block of West Water St in front of the Montessori School, May – Oct.

Councilperson Schissel stated his belief that all possibilities for off street bike parking should be exhausted before utilizing street parking. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Rustad, Franzen, Fischer, Wanless, Vagts. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried. It was noted these areas will be monitored for effectiveness and safety. If concerns are noted it will be reviewed.

Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel, to approve closing two parking spaces in front of T-Bock's for the time Trial event April 27, 2:00 – 10:00 pm. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request to close Water St. from Winnebago to Mechanic for the Decorah Open Streets Event, June 9, 11:00 am – 4:30 pm. Concerns were noted about closing the intersection with River as historically this had been kept open during community events and notification of all business owners throughout the downtown area. Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to table until the next meeting giving organizers the opportunity to address the noted concerns. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Vagts, to approve the Mayor appointment of Georgie Schweinefus to the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term expiring April 2018. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath reviewed the financial report for the 3rd qtr of FY'13.

Meeting adjourned on motion.


Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.