

August 19, 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: Jarrad Walter, Jody Niess, Paul Wanless, Carolyn Corbin, Randy Schissel, Gary Rustad, and Rachel Vagts.

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

Approval of the consent agenda was opened for consideration. Councilperson Vagts noted she was not present at the August 5, 2013 meeting. Minutes reflected her attendance. Motion by Wanless, second by Niess, to approve items on the consent agenda with the noted correction to the August 5 meeting.

- a. Minutes of the August 5, 2013 meeting as corrected
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class E Liquor License for Walmart including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- d. Renewal Class B Beer Permit for Happy Joes including Sunday Sales

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vagts, second by Wanless, to approve a Winneshiek Co. Development request for \$2,500 to participate in a county wide housing study. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vagts, second by Wanless, to approve a recommendation from the LMI Commission to approve a Low Rent Housing request of \$5,000 to help cover anticipated short falls in funding from the federal assistance/HUB program. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

A recommendation from the LMI Commission to approve a \$19,000 request from the Winneshiek Co. Energy District was opened for discussion. Jim Martin Schram, representing WED, stated the \$19,000 would fund their Direct Install Program by serving 50 homes. There are no overhead or administrative fees included in the request.

Councilperson Schissel questioned the level of funding for 50 homes stating this is much greater than Black Hills Energy costs for the same program.

Schram responded saying there are significant differences in the two programs. WED achieves 2 times or more the energy savings than Black Hills Energy.

Councilperson Rustad requested a representative of Black Hills Energy attend a future meeting to explain their program in greater detail.

Motion by Vagts, second by Wanless to approve funding of \$19,000 to the Winneshiek Energy District. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Vagts, Wanless, Corbin, Walter. Voting nay: Schissel, Niess, Rustad. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to approve an amended 28E Agreement with the Winneshiek Co. Conservation Board for trails. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Wanless, to accept a grant from the Iowa Dept. of Transportation for an Aviation Fuel Tank Improvement Project. This is an 85/15 funded grant with the total project costs estimated at \$136,000. City contribution amount - \$20,400 which is not budgeted. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schissel, to approve an engineering agreement with Clapsaddle Garber Associates, Inc. for engineering services related to the Aviation Fuel Tank Improvement Project. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vagts, second by Rustad, to approve a C-3 design review application for 222 W. Water St. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1154 respecifying sidewalk specifications and construction responsibilities of the City and abutting property owners was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Rustad, second by Vagts, to approve the third and final reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1155 amending Chapter 13.20 regarding water rates was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Corbin, second by Walter, to approve the third and final reading placing ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1156 amending Chapter 13.28 regarding sewer rates was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Schissel, second by Walter to approve the third and final reading placing ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of Ordinance 1157 amending Chapter 12.20 regarding sidewalk displays for opened for discussion. It was noted there is a permit process required in the ordinance. Councilperson Wanless stated his concern regarding language requiring a new permit if there is a change in type or usage. General agreement to require a new permit only upon change of ownership.

After short discussion to determine penalty options for compliance it was moved by Rustad, seconded by Vagts to approve the following penalty requirement:

- 1st offense – written warning
- 2nd offense - \$25.00 fine
- 3rd offense – revocation of permit

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Rustad to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1157 amending Chapter 12.20 regarding sidewalk displays with the above noted changes to the permit requirement and the penalty provisions. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of Mayor/Council compensation was referred to the Personnel Committee for recommendation.

Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel, to move the next regular meeting to Tuesday, September 3 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.