

August 3, 2015

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: Randy Schissel, Jody Niess, Gary Rustad, Chuck Lore, Andy Carlson. Absent: Tade Kerndt, Bill Wagner

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

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class E Liquor License for Wal-Mart including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales privileges
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Stone Hearth including Sunday sales
- e. New 5-Day Class B Beer permit for St. Benedicts Catholic Church including outdoor serving area
- f. Consider special event application for Decorah Rotary's Loop de Loop road race on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 6:00am – 12:00pm
- g. Consider special event application from Doug Bryce to close Main Street from Court to Winnebago on Saturday, August 22, 2015 from 3:00 – 8:00pm
- h. **PPE #9** - Hwy 9 East Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Imp. - \$358,507.41
- i. **Resolution No. 2664** respecifying and allocating special assessment within Short St. Imp. Project (*Judy Bartlett sale of property*)

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on an Amendment to the Plan for the 2014 Decorah Housing Urban Revitalization Area the hearing was opened.

Patricia Edde, 2371 Shag Bark Lane Rd. requested clarification that this applies only to the annexation area and that it doesn't mean other areas will be required to annex. City Manager Bird explained it only applies to the annexation area and does not require annexation of any other area.

The hearing was closed.

Motion by Niess, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2666 adopting the Amendment to the Plan for the 2014 Decorah Housing Urban Revitalization Area. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1175 approving the proposed zoning code amendments was introduced and read for the second time. The Historic Preservation Commission had several comments related to fencing and signs from a historical preservation perspective. Motion by Schissel, second by Lore, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to refer a request from Stacie Chen to place her "Ice Hut" on public property to the Property Committee for further study. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Carlson to approve the Mayor appointment of Annemarie Stockman to the Low Rent Housing Agency. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on the formation of a storm water utility and management plan was opened for discussion. Councilperson Lore acknowledged the need to establish such a utility but does not wish to pursue it at this time. He stated the public needs more information on this issue.

Councilperson Rustad stated we need to start dealing with storm water issues.

Councilperson Carlson disagrees with waiting. He stated we have real problems now and we need to be planning for future projects now.

Mayor Arendt commented we have a very low water/sewer fee structure compared to other communities.

No action taken.

Meeting adjourned on motion.


Wanda Hemesath, MMC, ICMC
City Clerk, TR.