

**THE DECORAH CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES
2016**

Mayor:	Donald P. Arendt mayor@decorahia.org	382-6062	Dec 2017
City Council:			
Ward 1	Randy Schissel randyschissel@yahoo.com	380-3488	Dec 2017
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Ward 4	Steve Luse stevele.luse@gmail.com	379-2327	Dec 2019
Ward 5	Charles Lore milkdr@yahoo.com	(319)240-6202	Dec 2017
At large	Kirk Johnson johnsonk@luther.edu	419-3626	Dec 2019
At large	Gary Rustad Rustad1@msn.com	380-0124	Dec 2017

Mayor Pro Tempore: Gary Rustad

City Council Committees (Chair Listed First): The City Council committees meet on an as needed basis when there is an item to be discussed. The purpose of the committees is to plan and conduct research and develop rules and policy to recommend to the City Council. If you would like to address a committee regarding a certain issue you may contact a committee person or call City Manager Chad Bird at 382-3651 to be placed on the agenda.

Personnel, Negotiating and Insurance- **Johnson**, all other members of council

Reviews and negotiates wage and benefit packages for City employees. Reviews and approves various personnel actions and policies. Monitors and reviews claim history and provides input in reviewing and selecting the best insurance programs for the City. Reviews proposed union / bargaining agreements and organizational structural changes.

Streets, Alleys, and Sidewalks – **Rustad, Bellrichard, Schissel, Johnson**

Review issues related to streets, sidewalks alleys and other concerns related to the street department. Reviews plans for the growth, improvement, and maintenance of the street system including capital improvements programming, annual projects and requests. Street related improvements generally include those whose construction, acquisition or maintenance costs may be funded with Road Use Tax or Local Option Sales Tax funds.

Water, Sewer, Public Lights and Utilities – **Carlson, Lore, Bellrichard, Rustad**

Reviews plans and projects related to the sanitary sewer system, public water system, garbage collection and recycling. Reviews budgets, rates, and growth demands. Plans future growth and development of the systems and determines policy.

Economic Development and Community Betterment – **Bellrichard, Johnson, Luse, Rustad**

Initiatives and suggestions involving quality of life matters for the citizens and visitors of Decorah. Ordinance and other policy issues related to matters involving Human Rights Commission and code section and Historic Preservation Commission and code section. Also may review and recommend policy on issues related to tax abatements and increment financing.

Property and Purchasing – **Luse, Rustad, Carlson, Schissel**

Acquisition, disposal, and maintenance of real property. May also review capital building projects and improvement programs.

Budget & Finance – **Schissel, Lore, Johnson, Carlson**

Works with staff to provide input and feedback during the budget preparation process. Reviews and makes recommendations on budget issues that occur throughout the year. Also provides feedback on revenue projects and matters regarding debt.

Public Safety – **Lore, Carlson, Schissel, Luse**

Reviews policy and issues involving the Police and Fire departments, First Responders and Disaster Services. Also reviews initiatives and suggestions related to general public safety concerns.

Special Committees

From time to time the Mayor may designate a special committee to review and resolve a particular problem or issue.