

February 15, 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: Randy Schissel, Dan Bellrichard, Andy Carlson, Gary Rustad, Steve Luse, Kirk Johnson. Absent: Chuck Lore.

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

Sean Snyder, new Emergency Management Coordinator, introduced himself to the Council.

Eric and Jenni Peterson-Brandt, Co-Managers-Art Haus, introduced themselves to the Council and reviewed their vision for the future of the business.

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

- a. Minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 2708 setting a public hearing for the proposed FY'17 budget – March 7, 2016
- d. Resolution 2709 setting a public hearing for the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the Decorah Business Park Sweet Parkway Improvement Project – March 7, 2016
- e. Resolution 2710 Ordering construction, set bid dates, set hearing dates and then authorize the publishing the attached notice for the Airport Fencing and Driveway Project – March 7, 2016
- f. PPE 3 3-stall Airport Hanger Project \$8,816.00
- g. Change Order #3 Hwy 9 Water/Sewer Project \$35,693.55

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, second by Schissel, to continue the Residential Housing Abatement Program for 2016. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Amending the Council Rules and Procedures to allow for electronic meeting attendance was opened for discussion. Mayor Arendt made the following recommendation: "To participate in any session of the city council or its designated committees, council members must be personally present and may not attend scheduled sessions by means of telephone, video or other means of electronic communication."

Councilperson Bellrichard stated he felt we should take advantage of technology and allow this. Councilperson Carlson stated he understands not allowing for closed session for confidentiality reasons but doesn't see the harm in allowing electronic attendance for open session.

Councilperson Rustad believes elected officials should be present at the meeting to address citizens attending. Councilperson Schissel agreed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to approve Mayor Arendt's recommendation as stated. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Schissel, Rustad, Johnson, Luse. Voting nay: Carlson, Bellrichard. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1179 approving the requested rezoning of 702 E. Water St. was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel, to approve the third and final reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1180 vacating right-of-way on Oak St. was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad to approve the third and final reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Cory Hummel was introduced as the new Luther College representative to the Council.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC, ICMC
City Clerk, Tr.