

January 4, 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, Steve Luse, Charles Lore, Gary Rustad, Kirk Johnson

Motion by Lore, 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 the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the December 21, 2015 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 2705 setting a date for a public hearing on zoning code amendments – rezoning for property at 702 East Water Street, January 19, 2016 at 5:45pm (Wapsie)
- d. New Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Nordic Express including Sunday Sales
- e. Consider approval and certification of 2015 residential tax abatement application
 - i. Dean and Lois Humpal, 404 Vernon Street – completed December 20, 2015

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on a zoning code amendment to rezone recent annexation areas the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1178 approving the requested zoning changes was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Luse, second by Rustad, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on an easement agreement with New A.G., LLC, d/b/a Nordic Express, for use of public ROW, the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Johnson, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2706 entering into an easement agreement with New A.G., LLC and authorizing the Mayor to sign. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Johnson, to approve a site plan for East Water Street Condominiums, 702 East Water St. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1177 amending Chapter 8.32 of the municipal code by respecifying certain exceptions to the open burning requirements was introduced and read for the third time.

City Manager Bird read a letter from Julie Fischer requesting campfires at the campground be prohibited.

Motion by Lore, second by Luse, to approve the third and final reading placing the ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Arendt announced the appointment of Gary Rustad as Mayor Pro-Tem and 2016-2017 committee assignments.

Motion by Schissel, second by Luse, to appoint Kirk Johnson to the Hotel/Motel Marketing Committee. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad to approve the Mayor appointment of Steve Luse to the TIF/LMI Commission. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on amending the Council Rules and Regulations to address electronic meeting attendance. Staff to provide several options for consideration at the January 19 council meeting.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC, ICMC
City Clerk, TR.