

January 19, 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 Luse, second by Lore, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Jim Fritz, speaking on behalf of Decorah Fast Fiber, encouraged the council to move forward with the formation of a public communication utility and to approve the ordinance submitted for council consideration.

Kathy Pfiffner, USDA Housing, Jeremy Jostand, NEICAC, Lori Brockway, UERPC, reviewed their respective housing programs with the Council.

Paul Scott, speaking on behalf of Matthew Maker, encouraged the Council to move forward immediately with the creation of a public communications utility saying Decorah businesses need this to happen.

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

- a. Minutes of the January 4, 2015 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution 2707 amending Depository Resolution
- d. Consider an Engineering Services Agreement with Clapsattel Garber Associates for a T-Hangar and Taxilane Improvements
- e. Consider Ordinance 1180 a resolution vacating a certain section of Oak Street
- f. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 209 East Water Street: Nordic Chiropractic, for lighted sign
- g. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 115 Winnebago Street: The Hairloom, for blade sign and fascia sign
- h. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 111 East Water Street, Revelations – awning design
- i. Renewal Class E Liquor License for Fareway including Class B Wine and Class C Beer privileges
- j. New Class B Native Wine Permit for The Stone Path including Sunday Sales
- k. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Courtyard including Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on a rezoning property at 702 E. Water St. the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1179 approve the requested rezoning of 702 E. Water St. was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Lore, second by Johnson, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1178 approving zoning changes from A-1 Agricultural to R-2, R-3 and C-1 for newly annexed areas was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Rustad, second by Luse, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to authorize staff to take whatever legal action may be necessary to address property issues at 603 E. Main St., and 405 E. Water St. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to table consideration of amending the City Council Rules of Procedure and to refer to the Mayor for a recommendation. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Carlson, to re-appoint Dave Pahlas to the Winneshiek County Solid Waste Authority. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Bellrichard to appointment Lore as the council representative to the Winneshiek County Convention and Tourism Board. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath gave a financial update on the budget to date.

Meeting adjourned on motion.


Wanda Hemesath, MMC, ICMC
City Clerk, TR.