

July 20, 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, Tade Kerndt, Bill Wagner

Craig Clefisch, Alliant Energy, reviewed the Community Annual Partnership Assessment with Council.

Mayor Arendt read a proclamation for Water and Waste Water Workers Week, July 19-25, 2015.

Bill Nixon, Chief of Police, reviewed the 2014 department report.

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 Niess, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Special Class C Liquor License, Beer and Wine for Korena with Sunday Sales
- d. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Corner Bar, including Sunday Sales
- e. Request to close parking lot adjacent to Library for United Way Campaign event - August 20, 2015, 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- f. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 217 West Water Street, Modish – sign and front façade redesign
- g. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 403 West Water Street, Plan 1 Financial – painting of façade
- h. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 508 West Water Street, Art Haus, Inc. – sign replacement
- i. Consider Resolution No. 2661, a Resolution on Construction of the 2015 Decorah Streets Improvement Project and setting a date for the public hearing (August 17, 2015, 5:45pm)
- j. Consider Resolution No. 2662 Providing for Notice of Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Revitalization Plan for Decorah Urban Revitalization Area (August 3, 2015, 5:45pm)

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing regarding Chapter 17 zoning code amendments the hearing was opened.

City Manager Bird explained the amendments related to changes in sign regulations and installation of fences. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1175 approving the proposed zoning code amendments was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Schissel, second by Kerndt, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Kerndt, to approve Resolution 2663 approving the final plat for Scenic View Estates Subdivision, 7th Addition. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to authorize the mayor to sign a FAA grant offer for Demolition of Existing Hangers and Grading – Design and Construction for 7-unit T-Hanger (phase 1 design). Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Wagner to approve the following Habitat for Humanity appointment and Mayor re-appointment to the TIF/LMI Board:

Bob Felde – Habitat for Humanity Board appointee

Jan Heikes – Mayor Re-appointment

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson Kerndt expressed concerns regarding the recent health insurance program renewal. City Manager Bird explained the steps taken to keep Council informed of how staff was proceeding with the renewal. Absent any comment from Council as requested the renewal was finalized.

City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath clarified the level of all employee benefits are approved by Council by way of the union contract. The current contract had the unanimous approval of council. Staff has historically managed the benefit program approved by Council.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC, ICMC
City Clerk, TR.