

July 21, 2014

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, Bill Wagner, Gary Rustad, Paul Wanless, Charles Lore, Tade Kerndt

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

Mayor Arendt read a Proclamation from Governor Branstad proclaiming the week of July 20 as Water and Wastewater Workers of Iowa Week.

Brian Huinker, Midwest Group Benefits, voiced concerns about the current health insurance program. He felt other area companies should have been considered during the renewal process. City Manager Bird explained we had requested a market analysis to see where we stood with our rates and explained the difference between a market analysis and formal quotes.

Councilperson Kerndt voiced concerns about decisions regarding the health insurance program being made administratively rather than by Council. It was explained that historically, the level of benefits is determined by Council with the actual program being managed by administrative staff.

The matter was sent to the personnel committee for further discussion.

Motion by Schissel, second by Lore, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Corner Bar including Sunday Sales
- d. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 211 West Water Street
J. Tupy's – new awning and exterior painting
- e. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 128 West Water Street
The Good Foot – blade sign
- f. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 104 East Water Street
Hotel Winneshiek – blade sign
- g. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 507 West Water Street
Chamber / Tourism Office – two blade signs, window decals

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Rustad to approve a C-3 design application for 312 W. Water St. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the conveyance of property along Short St. the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Wagner, to adopt Resolution 2611 approving the conveyance of public property along Short St. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Niess, to approve Resolution 2612 proving for the issuance of \$4,845,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Rustad, to approve Resolution 2613 setting September 2, 2014, 5:45 pm, as the date and time for a public hearing on a proposed urban revitalization plan. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1168 establishing site plan reimbursement fees was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Wanless, second by Schissel, to approve the third and final reading, placing ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1169 approving the rezoning of 1116 Paine St. from R-3 to C-1 was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Rustad, second by Lore, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Rustad, to approve a 2 year parking lot lease with Marc Folkedahl for \$400/mo. Voting aye: Wanless, Rustad, Niess, Wagner. Voting nay: Schissel, Lore, Kerndt. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned on motion.


Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.