

March 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Arendt at 7:30 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 and Tade Kerndt.

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

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

- a. Minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Liquor License for The Oaks including Sunday Sales
- d. New Class C Liquor License for T-Bocks including Sunday Sales
- e. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Roscoes including Sunday Sales
- f. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Don Jose's including Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service Area

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad to approve the following Mayor re-appointments:

- Keith Bruening - TIF/LMI Board, 3 year term
- Larry Stevenson – Civil Service Commission, 6 year term

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed FY15 budget the hearing was opened. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Wanless, second by Niess, to adopt Resolution 2587 approving the FY15 budget as proposed. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the time and place for a public hearing to receive comments on the issuance of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds and Refunding Loan Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$4,700,000 the hearing was opened.

Anticipated breakdown of the project funding as follows:

Engineers Opinion of Costs	\$3,013,000
Engineering, internal projects	526,000
Reimbursements (exp to date)	330,000
Contingencies	200,000
2008 Issue Refinancing	425,000

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Councilperson Lore voiced numerous questions and concerns regarding the project itself.

Contingency amount – what it is for and is it enough? Engineer Lindsay Erdman explained a contingency amount is needed to cover the various unforeseen expenses that occur with a project this large. Typically the contingency amount is 5% of the project estimate.

Why is there no amount for inspection and possible maintenance to the existing water tower as it has been standing empty for 8 years? Erdman felt it was better to address this separately from the project.

Completion Date – 200 working days beginning June 1 or the actual start date whichever comes first. Working days does not include Holidays, weekends or weather related days. Further, there could possibly be an extension granted due to change orders which extend the scope of the project. There is a penalty clause in the contract for exceeding the completion date. Erdman Engineering is responsible for tracking these days and requesting an extension on the behalf of the contractor if needed.

Metronet extension – Lore would like to see conduit placed during the construction phase of this project. Erdman stated this is advantageous in some areas but not others, especially areas where the lines may be bored or overhead extension at a later date is not a problem.

Voluntary annexation – certain areas will be voluntarily annexed under the Downing Development Agreement. The City will continue to encourage voluntary annexation in the other areas benefited by the project.

Motion by Wanless, second by Schissel, to approve Resolution 2588 authorizing the City to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Loan Agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,700,000. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.