

May 18, 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, Tade Kerndt, Jody Niess, Bill Wagner, Gary Rustad, Chuck Lore and Andy Carlson

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

Sandy Koenig and Steve Sweet, representing Black Hills Energy, reviewed their annual report with Council.

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

- a. Minutes of the May 4, and 15, 2015 meetings
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Luther College including Sunday Sales
- d. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Luther College Commons including Sunday Sales
- e. New 5-Day Class B Beer Permit for Good Times Bar and Grill including Outdoor Service Area
- f. Consider C-3 Commercial Design Review re: 400 West Water Street, Java John's – sign
- g. Request for street closing - Main between Court and Winnebago for Lawn Chair Nights
- h. Resolution No. 2645 amending 28e agreement between City of Decorah and Decorah Rural Fire Protective Association

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

The public hearing on the proposed FY15 amendment was re-opened from May 4. City Clerk, Treasurer Hemesath reviewed the various aspects of the amendment. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Schissel, second by Wagner, to adopt Resolution 2642 approving the FY15 budget amendment. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing to consider conveyance of property to the airport FBO the hearing was opened.

No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Lore, second by Schissel, to approve conveyance of this property for the construction of a single family home.

Councilperson Kerndt stated he doesn't like the buyback plan. He feels it will be too difficult to appraise a house on airport property.

Councilperson Wagner questioned if the buyback will include the value of the property being conveyed. Questions were also raised about why we can't just lease the property.

Attorney Zahasky explained the bank will not approve a home mortgage on leased property.

It was pointed out that tax statements reflect an appraised amount for land and an appraised amount on structures.

Motion by Lore, second by Schissel, to amend the motion to include language stating the appraised land value will be excluded from the final total appraisal amount.

Roll call vote. Voting aye: Lore, Schissel, Niess, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Kerndt, Wagner. Motion carried

The mayor called for the vote on the amended motion as follows: approve conveyance of property for the construction of a single family home with buyback provision to reflect the appraised land value will be excluded from the final total appraisal amount. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Lore, Schissel, Niess, Carlson, Rustad. Voting nay: Kerndt, Wagner. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Rustad, to approve FY16 salaries as outlined in the compensation pay plan which reflects a 1.45% COLA. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Kerndt to approve the final plat for the Decorah Business Park Subdivision. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Lore, to approve a site plan submitted by Luther College for 810 Pole Line Road. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Kerndt, to approve submitting a letter of endorsement to the Army Corp of Engineers for the School District to construct trail and levee crossing ramps up and over the levee near and around school district property. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Wagner, to approve the following Mayor appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission:

Appointment – Jody Holland

Re-appointment – Diane Scholl

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned on motion.

  
Wanda Hemesath, MMC, ICMC  
City Clerk, TR.