

May 19, 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 Niess, second by Rustad to remove Item 11, Consider FY15 supervisory and non-union salaries, from the agenda. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Niess, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine Permit for Luther College Commons including Sunday Sales
- d. Request placement of purple ribbons on light poles in downtown areas and main thoroughfare streets for Relay for Life celebration June 7, 2014
- e. Consider approval of 28e agreement between City of Decorah and Decorah Jobs, Inc for the administration and use of Hotel / Motel Funds
- f. Consider approval of 28e agreement between City of Decorah and Decorah Area Chamber of Commerce for the administration and use of Hotel / Motel Funds
- g. Consider approval of agreement for Montgomery Street Storm Water Improvement Project
- h. Change Order #1, Hwy 9 Utility Improvement Project - \$24,860.40

Councilperson Schissel questioned why placement of the water system booster station was not submitted to the DNR for approval prior to bid letting. Engineer Erdman explained the permits were applied for when the bids were let. It typically does not take this long for review.

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the FY14 Budget Amendment the hearing was opened. City Clerk, Tr. Hemesath reviewed the various aspects of the amendment. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Wanless, second by Wagner, to adopt Resolution 2603 approving the FY2014 budget amendment. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the vacation of parcels along Short and Grant St. the hearing was opened. The vacation of these parcels is part of the final aspects of the Short St. project. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Ordinance 1166 vacating public parcels along Short and Grant Streets was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Schissel, second by Niess, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Lore, second by Wagner, to approve the Mayor appointment to the Library Board of Trustees as follows:

Pat Anderson – term ending 7/1/20

Matt Tapscott – term ending 7/1/18

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of a scope of work agreement with Erdman Engineering for administration and construction management of the Highway 9 Utility Improvement Project was opened for discussion.

Councilperson Lore wondered who authorizes other work and should we have agreements for other types? City Manager Bird explained these agreements can be used for any type of work the council deems appropriate.

Motion by Wanless, second by Rustad, to approve the scope of work agreement with Erdman Engineering for administration and construction management of the Hwy 9 Utility Improvement Project. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on authorizing the City Manager minimum authority to consider field change orders associated with the Hwy 9 Utility Improvement Project was opened for discussion. Suggested limits discussed were \$5,000 per occurrence and \$25,000 cumulative. This is in an effort to help facilitate the project moving in a timely manner.

Councilperson Lore questioned if it is possible to advise at least 2 Council members before approval is granted. He would feel more comfortable with the proposal. City Manager Bird indicated we can proceed however the Council desires.

Motion by Wanless, second by Niess, to authorize the City Manager to approve change orders up to \$5,000 single occurrence and up to \$25,000 cumulative, before coming back to council for consideration of further authorization. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Wanless, Niess, Schissel, Wagner, Rustad, Kerndt. Voting nay: Lore. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel, to approve a site plan request from O'Reilly Auto Parts, Lot 4, Wal-Mart Addition. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1164 increasing water rates 1.93% was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Schissel, second by Niess to approve the third reading, placing ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1165 increasing sewer rates 1.93% was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Schissel, second by Niess, to approve the third reading, placing ordinance on its' final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1167 amending Chapter 10.80 regarding special permits for ATV's and Snowmobiles was introduced and read for the first time. Motion by Lore, second by Wanless, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Kerndt, to approve a special event permit application for an ATV-UTV ride. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Schissel, to approve conducting a community citizen survey. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.