

May 5, 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.  
Absent: Tade Kerndt

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

Ben Kratchmer, Historic Preservation Commission, reviewed with council activities of the commission the past year.

Carl Hjelmeland, 509 E. Water, expressed concerns with pedestrian crossing at the following intersections:

Water/State – Traffic does not stop for pedestrians in the crossing. Intersection is controlled by traffic signals

Heivly/State – wants this to be a school crossing. It was noted there is a stop sign at the intersection

Water/College Drive – believes a pedestrian crossing signal should be installed

He stated these are all dangerous intersections for pedestrians and that it is only a matter of time before someone is hurt.

Additionally, he stated concerns with the lack of sidewalks in all areas of town. Believes it's time for the council to require installation in any area where sidewalk does not currently exist.

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

- a. Minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Beer Permit for Kwik Star including Sunday Sales
- d. Request to close Washington St., Main to Water for the Memorial Day Band Concert, May 20, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- e. Resolution No. 2602, setting a date for a public hearing on vacation of public parcels along Short Street and Grant Street, May 19, 2014 at 5:45pm

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

This being the date and time for a public hearing on the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Decorah Business Park-Airport Urban Renewal Area. No public comment. The hearing was closed.

Motion by Wanless, second by Schissel, to adopt Resolution 2599 approving the proposed urban renewal plan amendment for the Decorah Business Park-Airport Urban Renewal Area. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Schissel, to appoint Rustad as an alternate representative to the Transportation Policy Committee. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Niess, to approve Resolution 2600 authorizing the submission of applications for Iowa Airport Improvement Programs and certifying eligibility requirements. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1164 increasing water rates 1.93% was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Schissel, second by Niess to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1165 increasing sewer rates 1.93% was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.



Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.