

November 18, 2013

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: Jody Niess, Paul Wanless, Carolyn Corbin, Randy Schissel, Gary Rustad, Rachel Vagts. Note – Due to election results Schissel is now representing 1st Ward as this seat had been previously filled by appointment.

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

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

- a. Minutes of the November 4, 2013 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Resolution No. 2577 to set a public hearing regarding M-3 Zoning Amendment for December 2, 2013 at 7:45pm

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Vagts, second by Corbin, to appointment Nori Hadley to the SSMID Board. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Corbin to appoint Don Arendt to the Winneshiek County Community Foundation. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance 1158 vacating City right-of-way was introduced and read for the third time. Motion by Wanless, second by Vagts to approve the third and final reading placing ordinance on its final adoption. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Rustad, second by Niess, to approve Resolution 2575 conveying vacated right-of-way to adjoining property owners. Costs to include publishing, administrative, engineering, property and all other fees associated with vacation of this r-o-w. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to approve Resolution 2576 approving the final plat for the Trails View Subdivision. Planning and Zoning recommends installation of sidewalks if and when this area is connected or annexed to the city. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Niess, second by Vagts to refer a petition for a Zoning Code Amendment for an R-6 District be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

Mayor Arendt announced a 5th Ward council vacancy due to Councilperson Schissel being duly elected in 1st Ward and immediately assuming said seat which had been filled by appointment.

Motion by Corbin, second by Wanless to fill the 5th Ward Council position by appointment and authorized the City Clerk, Treasurer to publish notice of same. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Councilperson Vagts announced her acceptance of a professional position in another community and subsequently resignation from her Councilperson-At-Large position effective 12-31-13.

Discussion was held on the publishing time lines for appointment. Councilperson Schissel suggested it be filled by special election as there are 2 years left in the term.

Motion by Wanless, second by Rustad, to fill this vacancy by appointment and authorized the City Clerk, Treasurer to publish notice of same.

Roll call vote. Voting aye: Wanless, Rustad, Vagts, Corbin, Niess. Voting nay: Schissel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.


Wanda Hemesath, MMC
City Clerk, Tr.