

November 4, 2013

The regular meeting of the Decorah City Council was called to order by Mayor Don Arendt at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jarrad Walter, Jody Niess, Paul Wanless, Carolyn Corbin, Randy Schissel, Gary Rustad. Absent: Rachel Vagts.

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

Jim Collins, Alliant Energy representative, gave an update on current and future programs sponsored by Alliant.

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

- a. Minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. PPE No. 12, Short Street Improvements project in the amount of \$159,856.23

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Corbin, second by Schissel, to approve a recommendation from the TIF/ LMI Commission authorizing expenditure of \$1,500, for Upper Explorerland to prepare a grant application to the Iowa Finance Authority for a First Time Homebuyers Downpayment program and providing for local match of \$1,500 per successful application not to exceed 10 local projects.

Councilperson Rustad stated his desire to table until the first of the year. He believes current and new council members should have an educational session regarding eligible uses of LMI dollars. Further, this being an election year, formal action should wait until the new Council takes office.

Councilperson Schissel inquired about a requirement for length of time a recipient is required to continue living in the home. Lori Brockway, Upper Explorerland stated recipients must live in and own the home at least 10 years.

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

Councilperson Wanless explained his nay vote stating his agreement with Rustad and, further, expressing concerns about the recommendation being made with only 2 of the 5 commission members actually present at the meeting with one attending by and voting by phone.

Ordinance 1156 vacating said right-of-way was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Wanless, second by Niess to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Schissel, to approve the Mayor appointment of Carol Hemesath to the Human Rights Commission to fill an unexpired term ending 2/1/14. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

  
Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.