

October 7, 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: Jarrad Walter, Jody Niess, Paul Wanless, Carolyn Corbin, Randy Schissel, Gary Rustad, and Rachel Vagts.

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

Chief of Police Nixon introduced Byron Hook – newly hired patrol officer.

Jeff Hovey, representing IMWCA, presented the City with 2013 Best Practices Award including \$1,000 to be used for safety related purposes. This award is given for best practices in safety. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year Decorah has been the recipient of this award.

Dylan Hinton, Northeast Iowa Peace and Justice Center, invited members of the Council to participate in their "Get to Know Your Local Government Program" hosted one Saturday each month.

Brenda Luzum, Director Winneshiek County Convention and Visitor's Bureau gave an update on recent activities and the impact it has for our community.

City Manager Bird reviewed 3 awards received for the Trout Run Trail Program. These awards and background information will be on display at the Chamber of Commerce office and the Decorah Public Library for the next few months.

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

- a. Minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Street closing request for Celebration of Life Event, Oct 14, 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., River St., alley to Main
- d. Resolution 2571, a resolution setting a public hearing on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 7:45pm to consider vacation of a portion of a City right-of-way and conveyance of City property to two adjoining property owners
- e. Renewal Special Class C Beer/Wine License for Cho Sun's including Sunday Sales
- f. Renewal Class B Native Wine License for Bridal Productions
- g. Renewal Class C Liquor License for Willis Brew Pub including Sunday Sales and outdoor service area
- h. Approval of 2013 Urban Renewal Report
- i. Resolution 2572 accepting as complete the airport taxiway and apron paving project and authorizing final payment

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Schissel, second by Niess, to accept a bid from Heiman, Inc. for a Rosenbauer brand fire truck totaling \$669,689. Councilperson Schissel explained 3 bids were received ranging from \$659,919 to \$691,892. The low bid for an E-One brand truck did not meet the criteria for 27 items within the bid specs with no explanation. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Wanless, second by Schissel, to approve the proposed cash management policy. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of lending City support for the National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program was opened for discussion. City Manager Bird reviewed information from a recent meeting with company officials in which they conveyed their efforts to make repairs in a prompt manner and to explain company policy in spot repairing broken lines which does not necessarily include replacing the entire line. Also, it is company policy to use their preferred vendors which is one of the concerns stated.

In discussion with Iowa League of Cities officials they expressed surprise over the complaints received as approximately 13 cities in Iowa participate with the program and they have not heard of any other issues.

Mayor Arendt stated he will not sign the letter on behalf of the city but the Council may choose to support regardless. He believes by signing the marketing letter it appears the city is endorsing the program even though the letter does not use that term but rather states the program is supported by the Iowa League of Cities.

No action taken.

Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel, to approve expenditure of \$46,000 for further work on the levee certification. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

City Manager Bird reviewed options for a potential community wide survey to collect information on city services and priorities. He also submitted a report on status of current goals/priorities.

City Clerk, Treasurer Hemesath gave the budget report for the quarter ending September 2013.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

  
Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.