

September 3, 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 Schissel, second by Wanless to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Jim Dillion, rep Black Hills Energy, spoke of their energy efficiency program reviewing the different levels of energy audit provided and the cost involved. Differences between their program and the Winneshiek Energy District were discussed with the only difference being Americorp provides the labor for the energy saving measures recommended.

James McIntosh requested the Council consider passing a Resolution opposing the institution of frac-sand mining in Winneshiek Co. Request was referred to Betterment Committee for recommendation.

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

- a. Minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting
- b. Claims
- c. Renewal Class C Beer permit for Oneota Co-op including Class B Wine permit and Sunday Sales
- d. Renewal Class E Liquor License for Quillins including Class B Wine, Class C Beer and Sunday Sales
- e. New Class C Liquor License for Smiley's On the River, 308 College Dr., including Sunday Sales and Outdoor service area
- f. Renewal Class C Beer Permit for Nordic Express including Sunday Sales
- g. Resolution 2568 approving the FY13 Street Financial Report
- h. Resolution No. 2569, a Resolution setting Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:45pm date for a public hearing on a General Obligation Fire Truck Acquisition Loan Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed \$650,000

Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of a request from the Northeast Iowa Housing Trust Fund was referred to the TIF-LMI Board for recommendation. The item will be on the Sept. 16 for council consideration.

Motion by Schissel, second by Niess, to authorize letting of bids for a joint Rural/City Fire Truck. Bids will be due no later than and opened on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013, 5:00 pm.

Ordinance 1157 amending Chapter 12.20 regarding sidewalk displays was introduced and read for the second time. Motion by Rustad, second by Schissel to approve the second reading. Roll call vote. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of support of the National Service Line Warranty Program was opened for discussion. Councilpersons Wanless and Corbin had concerns about the perception that we are endorsing this program and that it is the only program available. Councilpersons Vagts, Schissel and Rustad stated they had no concerns about endorsing it and felt it warranted further discussion.

Motion by Corbin, second by Wanless, to not send out the letter with the Mayor's signature. Roll call vote. Voting aye: Corbin, Niess. Voting nay: Walter, Wanless, Schissel, Rustad, Vagts. Referred to Betterment for further discussion.

No action taken on increase of Council/Mayor compensation.

Motion by Schissel, second by Rustad, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 21.5 to discuss purchase of real estate.

Council reconvened to open session at 9:15 pm.

Meeting adjourned on motion.

  
Wanda Hemesath, MMC  
City Clerk, Tr.