September 15, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Borowski at 5:45 PM.

The meeting was held at the Decorah Council Chambers and electronically.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Mayor Borowski, Randy Schissel, Kirsten Olson, Cody Whittle, Steve Zittergruen, Emily Neal, Brent Parker, City Manager Travis Goedken, and City Clerk Keri Sand
Absent: Christopher Miculinich

Chris Johnson of Vesterheim Museum spoke about the special event application for the Norwegian Royal Visit. Johnson asked the Council to support the special event request.

James Waters with MSA Professional Services Inc gave a 30% review to Council on the Heivly Street Phase II design. The Council gave feedback on the design for consideration.

The consent agenda was presented.

a. Minutes of September 2nd, 2025, Council Meeting and September 8th, 2025, Special Meeting
b. Claims
c. Norwegian Royal Visit Special Event-Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum
d. Residential Tax Abatement-2394 Red Oak Road, Judy Lensing-New Construction
e. Residential Tax Abatement-102 Crescent Avenue, Tanner Imoehl-Rehabilitation
f. C-3 Design Permit Application for DRQCK, LLC at 109 East Water Street
g. Decorah 2025 Street Improvements-Chip Seal Project Change Order #1
h. Decorah 2025 Street Improvements-Chip Seal Project Pay Application #2
i. Decorah 2025 Heivly Street Improvements Project Pay Application #4
j. Water Meter Replacement Project Pay Application #2
k. Award College Drive Street Patching Project to Skyline Construction
l. New Class C Retail Alcohol License-Bon Appetit Management Co.-Center of the Arts
m. New Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Bon Appetit Management Co-Sampson Hoffland Laboratory
n. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-JT Haymarket LLC
o. Renewal Class E Retail Alcohol License-Decorah Mart
p. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License-Blazing Star LLC

Olson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Whittle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending Chapter 17.28 of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding dimensional variances by the Board of Adjustment at 7:17 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 17.28 of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding dimensional variances. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Olson, Neal, Whittle, Zittergruen, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on amending Chapters 17.68, 17.72, and 17.76 of the Decorah Municipal Code regarding accessory dwelling units at 7:20 PM. No public comment. The public hearing was closed at 7:21 PM. Olson made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Chapters 17.68, 17.72, and 17.76 regarding accessory dwelling units, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Schissel, Whittle, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: Neal. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski opened the public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project at 7:30 PM. No public comment. Mayor Borowski closed the public hearing at 7:31 PM. Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3601 approving and confirming the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Neal, Parker, Olson, Whittle, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried. Neal made a motion to approve the consideration of the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plan Improvements Project. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Whittle, Zittergruen, Parker, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried. Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3602 awarding the contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project to Staab Construction Corporation, Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Schissel, Olson, Whittle, Parker, Neal. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve Resolution 3600 calling an election on proposal to enter into a general obligation loan agreement and borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed $18,880,000.00. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Whittle, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Olson made a motion to approve Resolution 3603 authorizing changes to the water billing schedule. The changes would allow staff to have water bills due 30 days after the bills are mailed out, ACH transactions

will be performed 15 days after bills being mailed out. Whittle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Olson, Whittle, Zittergruen, Parker, Neal, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the C-3 Design Permit Application for Story People at 113 East Water Street. Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Olson, Neal, Parker, Whittle, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve and adopt the updated 2025 Decorah Sustainability Plan; Olson seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Neal, Olson, Zittergruen, Whittle, Parker. Nays: Schissel. Motion carried.

Mayor Borowski announced that the City is taking applications for two positions on the Decorah Human Rights Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Keri Sand

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City Clerk Finance Officer