May 04, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Carlson 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 Andy Carlson, Randy Schissel, Johanna Bergan (Zoom), Cody Whittle, Christopher Miculinich, Steve Zittergruen, Emily Neal, Brent Parker, City Clerk Keri Sand, and City Manager Travis Goedken

Absent: None

Mayor Carlson read a Youth Week Proclamation provided by the Elk's Lodge #443 declaring May 1-7, 2026, as Youth Week to honor the junior citizens of the community.

Steve McCargar of 2749 Hidden Falls Rd spoke to Council regarding the City's use of 3-way herbicide at the soccer field at Will Baker Park. McCargar stated that this should not have happened and should never happen again. McCargar stated that the City of Decorah and all its departments need policies which will forbid the use of broad-spectrum herbicides.

The consent agenda was presented.

a. Minutes of April 20, 2026, City Council Meeting
b. Claims
c. Decorah 2026 Heivly Intersection Improvements Project Pay Application #1
d. Decorah Wastewater Improvement Project Pay Application #6
e. Decorah Carlson Park Trail Pay App #7
f. Renewal and Amendment of Class B Retail Alcohol License-Kwik Trip #629
g. Renewal and Amendment of Class B Retail Alcohol License-Kwik Trip #1081
h. Extension of Outdoor Service for Alcohol License to Include Parklet-Impact Coffee
i. Retail Tobacco Permit-Hy-Vee Food Store
j. Retail Tobacco Permit-Fareway Stores #589
k. Retail Tobacco Permit-Kwik Trip #629
l. Retail Tobacco Permit-Kwik Trip #1081
m. Retail Tobacco Permit-Kwik Trip #1190
n. New Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service-Elk's Lodge #443
o. Re-appointment of David Finholt to Board of Appeals – Term Expires 6/1/2030
p. Re-appointment of Travis Grawin to Board of Appeals – Term Expires 6/1/2031
q. Warriors On Washington Special Event

Miculinich made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Whittle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Miculinich, Whittle, Parker, Bergan, Zittergruen, Schissel, Neal. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Carlson opened the public hearing on the proposed FYE '26 Amendment at 6:14 PM. No public comment. The public hearing was closed by Mayor Carlson at 6:15 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3666 approving the amendment for fiscal year 2025-2026. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Miculinich, Bergan, Zittergruen, Whittle, Neal, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3667 approving the grant application for the airport apron reconstruction project that would allow reconstruction of a portion of the airport apron and removal of the old terminal building. Miculinich seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Miculinich, Bergan, Schissel, Whittle, Neal, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried

City Clerk Sand discussed the RFP (Request For Proposal) process for auditing services with Council; explaining that the City is not mandated to do an RFP. Sand explained the City does have the option of asking Hacker and Nelson for a proposal to continue to work together. General consensus was to forgo the RFP process and ask Hacker and Nelson to submit a three-year proposal.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve Resolution 3668 supporting the application for Decorah Ventures to Iowa Economic Development Authority's Workforce Housing Tax Credit and pledging local financial assistance. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Neal, Schissel, Whittle, Parker, Miculinich, Bergan. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Bergan made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Decorah Municipal Code, Title 13 Water and Sewers which would change the billing to monthly instead of quarterly, the measurement from cubic feet to gallons, and multiple other changes. Whittle seconded the motion. Roll

call vote. Ayes: Bergan, Whittle, Neal, Parker, Miculinich, Zittergruen, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance amending Section 5.04.290 regarding permits for Obstruction of Right of Way. Whittle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Whittle, Neal, Parker, Miculinich, Bergan, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried. Bergan made a motion to waive the second and third reading and adopt Ordinance 1355 amending Section 5.04.290 regarding Obstruction of Right of Way Permit. Zittergruen seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Bergan, Zittergruen, Parker, Miculinich, Schissel, Whittle, Neal. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Carlson announced that there are two openings on the Sustainability Commission and one opening on the Tree Board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM

Keri Sand

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City Clerk-Finance Officer