August 03, 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, Steve Zittergruen, Emily Neal, Brent Parker, Christopher Miculinich, City Clerk Keri Sand, and City Manager Travis Goedken

Absent: None

Sara Brandt of Highland Drive thanked Council and staff for all the work that went towards the successful Nordic Fest.

John Hjelle, City Engineer, presented an overview of the plans for the Mill Street Improvement Project.

The consent agenda was presented.

a. Minutes of July 20, 2026, Council Meeting
b. Claims
c. Roof Top Unit Estimate from Casper Plumbing and Heating
d. Pay Application #1 Decorah Athletic Complex Qualite Sports Lighting
e. Pay Application #2 Decorah 2026 College Drive Bridge Improvements
f. Pay Application #4 Decorah Athletic Complex
g. Pay Application #1 Decorah Public Library Exterior Renovation
h. Pay Application #10 Decorah 2025 Carlson Park Gateway Project
i. Riding Waves and Making Plays – Community Pool Party
j. New Special Class C Retail Alcohol License – Pizza Hut
k. New Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – Bluffside Gardens
l. Renewal Class C Retail Alcohol License with Outdoor Service – Bon Appetit Management Co
m. Renewal Class E Retail Alcohol License – Wal-Mart Supercenter
n. Renewal Class E Retail Alcohol License – Casey's #1591 College Drive
o. Ownership Amendment Class B Retail Alcohol License – Oneota Community Coop
p. Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P. C. Regarding GO Capital Loan for Rowley Sports Complex
q. Resolution 3696 Accepting Project and Approving Final Payment (Retainage) for the Decorah Municipal Airport Photovoltaic Solar Array Project
r. Resolution 3697 Re-Publication of Notice of Applications for Voluntary Annexation and Authorization for City to Proceed with Voluntary Annexation Proceedings
s. Appointment of Richard Valley to the Telecommunications Utility Board – Term Expires 05/29/2029

Zittergruen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Schissel seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Carlson opened the public hearing on the proposed plans and specifications, estimate of cost, and proposed form of contract for the construction of the Decorah Athletic Complex Bid Package 2 Project at 6:49 PM. No public comment. Mayor Carlson closed the public hearing at 6:50 PM. Schissel made a motion to table the vote on the resolution approving the project. Neal seconded the motion. Council members want more time and information to consider the project before voting. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to table the vote on the resolution for issuance of a request for proposals on the parks and recreation comprehensive plan. Whittle seconded the motion. Council discussed considerations that they felt should be included in the request for proposal. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3698 setting a public hearing date for August 17, 2026, on the proposal to authorize a bridge loan for the Decorah Athletic Complex. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. All voting ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Carlson announced that the following boards and commissions have openings:

a. Tree Board
b. Historic Preservation Commission
c. Human Rights Commission
d. Library Board

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

Keri Sand
City Clerk-Finance Officer