October 19, 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, Steve Zittergruen, Emily Neal, Brent Parker (Zoom), Cody Whittle, City Clerk Keri Sand

Absent: Johanna Bergan, Christopher Miculinich

Steve Vanden Brink spoke about lithium batteries and how to dispose of them.

The consent agenda was presented.

a. Minutes of October 05, 2026, Council Meeting
b. Claims
c. Pay App #3 Decorah Public Library Exterior Renovation
d. Pay App #12 Decorah Carlson Park Gateway
e. Pay App #6 Decorah Athletic Complex
f. Change Order #4 Decorah WWTP Improvement Project
g. Award Tree Removal Project to Brink's Tree Service LLC
h. Electric Facilities Extension Agreement for Rowley Athletic Complex
i. Approve Street Light Payment for Heivly Street to Alliant Energy
j. Resolution 3722 Approving Chapter 28E Fire Protection Agreement Amendment
k. Resolution 3723 Accepting Recreational Trail Easement from Kevin and Leslie Sand
l. C-3 Design Permit for 123 West Water Street – Hacker Nelson

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

Mayor Carlson opened the public hearing regarding the proposed North Side Residential Urban Renewal Plan at 6:02 PM. No public comment. Public hearing was closed at 6:03 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3724 determining an area of the City to be an economic development area and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or a combination thereof, if such an area is necessary in the interest of public health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such an area appropriate for urban renewal project; and adopting the North Side Residential Urban Renewal Plan. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Neal, Whittle, Zittergruen, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for the division of revenues under Section 403.19 Code of Iowa, North Side Residential Urban Renewal Plan. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Schissel, Neal, Parker, Whittle, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Carlson opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a development agreement with Tom Massman Construction, Inc at 6:05 PM. No public comment. Mayor Carlson closed the public hearing at 6:06 PM. Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3725 approving and authorizing execution of a development agreement by and between the City of Decorah and Tom Massman Construction, Inc. Parker seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Parker, Whittle, Neal. Nays: Zittergruen. Motion carried.

Zittergruen made a motion to approve $70,000.00 in matching funds to Decorah Jobs for construction documents for the Cluster Housing Development Project; Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Zittergruen, Neal, Whittle, Parker, Schissel. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve Resolution 3726 awarding ISG Design and Engineering Firm with the Park and Recreation Master Plan Project; Whittle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Schissel, Whittle, Parker, Neal. Nays: Zittergruen. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1360 amending Title 17-Zoning of the Decorah Municipal Code, Chapters 17.08, 17.88, 17.96, and 17.108 regarding last mile delivery facilities. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Neal, Parker, Whittle, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve the third reading and adopt Ordinance 1361 amending Title 17-Zoning of the Decorah Municipal Code, Chapter 17.166 regarding data centers. Whittle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Whittle, Zittergruen, Neal, Parker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to approve tabling the first reading of an ordinance amending Title 8-Health and Safety of the Decorah Municipal Code by adding Chapter 8.56 regarding urban camping. Neal seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Neal, Whittle, Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Schissel made a motion to request an amendment of the SS4A Grant and to complete the Safety Action Plan and ADA Transition Plan, along with the installation of RRFB, and then the balance of the 80/20 grant would include acquisition of an ARGOS data collector, speed tracker/collector and trailer along with community feedback survey by a consultant to summarize demonstration activities that involve North College Drive (residential area), Highland Drive, Leif Erikson Drive/Center Street, Leif Erikson Drive/Ohio Street, Mechanic Street/Vernon Street, Mill Street, and Sunrise Boulevard. Whittle Seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Schissel, Whittle, Neal Parker, Zittergruen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

a. Tree Board
b. Human Rights Commission
c. Library Board
d. Civil Service – Mayor Carlson announced his intent to appoint Chris Fassbender

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Keri Sand

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City Clerk-Finance Officer