

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 2, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Meyer. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Mayor invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the December 19, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Brown, Adams County Information Technology Director appeared before the Council to share what the County could offer the City regarding email and internet service. Mayor Meyer shared that the City had been using the County email service at no cost and the County was now asking for payment for those services. Mr. Brown was present to share information and answer questions regarding how the County system could benefit the City, and be more secure. Brown stressed the importance of the entire County being on the same system to eliminate problems for the law enforcement agencies. It was shared that the City has 29 user accounts, this does not include the Police and Fire Department. They are already with the County, which the only thing they will need to update are their phone handsets. The County software with secure emails will cost \$382.99 per user totaling \$11,106.71, if the internet and network services are included, the cost would be \$438.42 per user totaling \$12,714.18. To provide internet services, fiber will need to be ran from City Hall to Riverside Center, and Riverside Center would need to be connected by using a radio/antenna. Also the Public Works building on Elm Street would be connected via a radio/antenna located on a tower south of Walmart. The one-time fee for the fiber and radio/antennas from Community Fiber Solutions (CFS) is approximately \$11,900.00. CFS will also have a monthly fee of around \$200.00, which will be billed separately by CFS. The County will invoice the city monthly. The Clerk-Treasurer informed Council that there are monies budgeted in the CCI fund for these services. A motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Dyer to accept the quote from CFS for the fiber at City Hall, and the radio/antennas for Riverside Center and the Public Works building on Elm Street, and to go with the entire package, (emails, internet and network) with the County. The motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright gave an update regarding the 2018 Budget. She shared it has been approved by the DLGF but that it is preliminary as other taxing entities are still to come in. She noted the assessed valuation increased by \$754,739 compared to a nearly \$5 million increase last year. The tax rate is at \$1.12. The total assessed valuation of the City of Decatur is \$368,906,941. Final figures will be provided in late February or early March.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright had asked him to prepare an ordinance to amend the Salary Ordinance regarding those called-in or those on-call. New Focus HR who was hired to update the City of Decatur's Employee Handbook recommended those situations should be in the salary ordinance, and not in the employee handbook. Ordinance 2018-1, an ordinance to amend Salary Ordinance No. 2017-11 to include emergency call-in pay and on-call pay had been prepared by City Attorney Baker. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-1 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-1 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-1 on its first reading. Seconded by Coshow, roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to

place Ordinance 2018-1 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-1 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-1 on its second reading. Motion seconded by Coshow, the roll call showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2018-1 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-1 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-1 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-1 has been adopted.

Coshow made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-15 again, regarding liability for invoicing City and utility services until the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to strike the ordinance and start a new ordinance. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Input:

Sirk wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Department Heads:

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director shared that with the Holidays and the very cold weather there was a need to give “high fives” for all the employees working on those days and in the extreme cold. Mayor Meyer noted he had received an email complimenting the employees for all their efforts and he noted the City has a great crew and he would put them up against any other city’s employees.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:30 P.M.