

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2022

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:55 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright. City Attorney Anne Razo attended virtually.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Fire Marshal, Tony Lothridge noting that the copy of the Fire Code changes given to Council Members that he had made a change to charge an inspection fee after 3 violations occurs and will forward to the State for approval. City Attorney Anne Razo prepared an Ordinance 2022-1 that amends Chapter 91 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 in its entirety, regarding Fire Prevention; Fireworks. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-1 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-1 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-1 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-1 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2022-1 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-1 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2022-1 for its third reading at the January 18, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried.

Ordinance 2022-2, an ordinance which creates a Fire Prevention Enforcement account as a separate line item within the City's General fund to be used for fire prevention education, training, and enforcement materials was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-2 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-2 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-2 on its first reading. Seconded by Coshow, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-2 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-2 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-2 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2022-2 for a third reading at the January 18, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried.

Mayor Rickord thanked Tony Lothridge for all his work in updating the Fire Code.

Sirk made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office for Anne Razo as City Attorney a matter of record. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent informed Council that the locks on the building at 138 N. 2nd Street had been changed. Witte also noted some work had been done in the building and has filled one dumpster so far and there's still a lot to go.

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that he had spoken with K-9 Officer Blaze Brooks and the kennel that was built by high school students for the second K-9 dog would be completed some time this week. Officer Brooks is planning to pick up the dog by the end of the month.

Council Input:

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

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

Adjournment was at 7:11 P.M.