

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 5, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 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 Cam Collier, Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present was 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 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Tim Baker, who is also the attorney for the Adams County Solid Waste Management District presented the Transfer Station Contract between the City and ACSWMD for 2016. Baker explained the cost for waste disposal will increase from \$39.00 to \$42.20 per ton. This increase has been budgeted in the City's 2016 Sanitation Department budget. Collier made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Common Council members had approved a two (2) year CEDIT plan on November 2, 2015. In this plan, 13% of the City's CEDIT distribution will go to the Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) to provide services for low interest loans, and other financial incentives to Decatur businesses and promote economic development. ACEDC Executive Director, Larry Macklin, had prepared an Annual Fee for Service Agreement requesting two (2) payments of \$19,916.49 from the City of Decatur for a total of \$39,832.98 for the year 2016. Dyer made a motion to make the agreement a matter of record. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer announced he will be serving on the Adams County Economic Development Board as Mayor and also Councilman Craig Coshow. This board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Adams County Service Complex.

The Mayor reported he appointed John Summers for a four (4) year term to the Parks Board to replace Kara Martin.

Mayor Meyer appointed three (3) members, Ron Storey, Rex Hinsky, and Max Miller for one (1) year terms to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Dyer made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments a matter of record. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Common Council members appointed two (2) members, Craig Russett and Larry Isch for one (1) year terms to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Sirk made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Common Council members appointed a member of the council to the Adams County Solid Waste Management District for a four (4) year term. Dyer nominated Wylie Sirk, Collier seconded the nomination. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer appointed Greg Kitson to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four (4) year term. Dyer made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Decatur Advisory Plan Commission members appointed Steve Hakes to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four (4) year term. Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer appointed Barb Engle and also R.J. Macklin to the Decatur Advisory Plan Commission for a four (4) year term. Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor appointed Patrick "Pete" Braun to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a one (1) year term. Coshow made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An Oath of Office Ceremony was held on Monday, December 28, 2015 at the Decatur Riverside Center for the elected officials, and also the Board of Public Works & Safety members, and appointed Department Heads and Assistants. Dyer made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments a matter of record. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby announced the Lt. Governor awarded a \$40,000.00 grant for the Pennsy Depot Renovation Project, and thanked the Council members for their financial support.

Mayor Meyer asked for comments from the Council members. Councilman Sirk questioned the waived fees on the City Attorney's invoices. Baker informed him that all services provided are listed on the invoices, but waives the fees for preparing ordinances and resolutions. The hourly rate for other services is at a reduced rate.

The City Attorney reported the City has been issued a Tort Claim from an individual who fell on a City sidewalk in July of 2015. The claimant must file a tort claim within 180 days to pursue any action. The Clerk-Treasurer will file the claim with the City's insurance carrier.

Tim Baker who has been appointed as City Attorney for the City of Decatur and retains a private law practice, and also represents the Adams County Solid Waste Management District presented a Consent to Representation. Dyer made motion to sign and approve the Consent for Tim Baker to maintain his private law practice in addition to representing the City of Decatur and the District for the year 2016. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) has approved the City's 2016 budget. The City's assessed valuation has decreased, which caused the City's tax rate to increase from \$1.03 to \$1.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Sirk made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.