

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:20 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 Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were present. Councilman Tyler Fullenkamp was in attendance via phone. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Timothy Baker.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make a matter of record that the 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Flood Buyout Grant Agreement had been received and signed electronically between the City and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. This grant will allow the city to purchase eight (8) flood prone homes. The term of the grant expires June 18, 2022.

Sirk made a motion to make a matter of record Mayor Rickord's appointment of Don Bergdall to the Adams County Regional Sewer District Board for the year 2021. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make a matter of record Mayor Rickord's appointment of Patrick "Pete" Braun to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board for the year 2021. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Chief of Police Lennie Corral shared he just received an email that newly hired Officer Gabe Schwaller is scheduled for his PERF testing this Thursday and Officer Colyn Torson is scheduled to go to the Academy on February 15, 2021.

Assistant Fire Chief James Hitchcock shared that the new fire truck has arrived, and Fire Chief Les Marckel invited Council members to see the new fire truck that will be in the parking lot behind City Hall following the meeting. Chief Marckel noted he wanted to publicly thank the committee members, namely all the full-time staff, for all their work in writing the specs for the new truck. The truck has all the latest required technology with a lot of safety features.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager reported that sewer repairs are being done in the alley of 9th and 10th Street, and also on 7th Street between Monroe north to Nuttman Avenue, which will have limited access for a couple of weeks.

Council Input:

Sirk gave an update on the MERIT Center, that working with the Decatur Force Volleyball group to fit the gym with the needed poles for the net it was learned that the gym was over a crawl space which increases the cost for the proper fittings from \$1,700 to nearly \$4,000 as extra work is involved. Sirk noted that once the equipment is in place perhaps the facility will be used more widely by the Parks and Recreation Department and even could be used as a pickle ball court. Sirk noted he

was bringing the concern before the Council to see if there was any way to help with the cost. Murray made a motion to assist the Decatur Force Volleyball group with the additional costs of \$2,000 for fitting the poles to be paid from the Common Council budget. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Mayor Rickord noted that since some funds are now coming in it is important to have the facility in condition to be used by various groups.

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

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

Adjournment was at 7:38 P.M.