

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2020

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 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 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 was Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney, Tim Baker.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments by Mayor Rickord of Rex Hinsky, Max Miller, Ron Storey, and Tim Ehlerding to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission a matter of record. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments by the Common Council of Lawrence Isch and Craig Russett to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission a matter of record. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Oath of Office for those who were sworn in on Monday evening, December 30, 2019 a matter of record. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. Those taking the Oath of Office on December 30, 2019 were Dan Rickord as Mayor, Phyllis Whitright as City Clerk-Treasurer, Matt Dyer (At-large), Craig Coshow (District 3), Tyler Fullenkamp (District 2), Scott Murray (District 4), and Wylie Sirk (District 1) as Councilmen, Lennie Corral as Chief of Police, Chris Brite as Assistant Chief of Police, Les Marckel as Fire Chief, Jim Hitchcock as Assistant Fire Chief, Jeremy Gilbert as Operations Manager/Supt., and Matt Schultz as Assistant Operations Manager, Curt Witte as Building and Zoning Superintendent, Bill Carpenter as Assistant Water Superintendent, Karey Fuelling as Wastewater Superintendent, Verlin Butcher as Assistant Wastewater Superintendent, Kevin Hackman as Utilities Auditor, Tyler Fullenkamp and Craig Coshow as Board of Public Works & Safety members.

Other appointments by the Mayor were made a matter of record were, Tim Baker as the City Attorney. Richard Macklin as a board member of the Plan Commission, Stephen Hakes as board member of the Board of Zoning Appeals, and Drew Derengowski as a board member of the Decatur Parks Board, and Don Bergdall to the Adams County Regional Sewer District.

Dyer made a motion to make the Mayor's appointment of Patrick "Pete" Braun to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission a matter of record. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments by Mayor Rickord of Don Bergdall, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Barb Engle to the Decatur Plan Commission a matter of record. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was the selection of a Mayor Pro Tem. Sirk made a motion to name Councilman Matt Dyer as the Mayor Pro Tem. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord noted that post cards had been sent to local businesses regarding the 2020 Façade information meetings. It was shared that businesses must attend one of the meetings to pick up a packet in order to be eligible for any funding. Meetings will be held in City Hall from 5-6 P.M. on Monday evening, January 13, 2020 and from 8-9 A.M. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

Mayor Rickord had received a letter from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce requesting sponsorship for their Annual Dinner to be held on February 13, 2020. Dyer made a motion to sponsor the dinner at the rate of \$350. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining. Funds will be taken from the Common Council budget.

Mayor Rickord noted the various departments had been working along US 27 for a water leak last Friday evening. He reminded people to slow down and take time to protect the City employees and others working to make the proper repairs.

Mayor Rickord also noted that while attending a Belmont-South Adams Basketball game he was impressed by the quick action of first responders in the crowd as they immediately went to the aid of the young athlete. Mayor Rickord shared that the parents of the young man appreciated the rapid response of help.

City Attorney, Tim Baker sought consent from the Council to serve as representative for the Adams County Solid Waste Management District Board. Sirk made a motion to allow Attorney Tim Baker to serve as representative for the Adams County Solid Waste Management District Board. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

#### Department Heads Input:

Chief of Police, Lennie Corral announced that Officer Eric Mitchel had been accepted for the Academy. Chief Corral also noted that the department had received a grant for approximately \$3,000 from Drug Free Adams County, which would be used for WatchGuard system for the cars and cameras for evidence.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel thanked Mayor Rickord for recognizing those from the department who appeared in a matter of minutes to assist the injured athlete at the Belmont-South Adams game.

Bill Carpenter, Asst. Water Superintendent reported that the new water plant is about 75% complete and could be functional by April, 2020.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager noted that sewer repair work will be done soon at Jefferson and 8<sup>th</sup> Street, next will be sewer repairs in the alleys on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager reported that the Hanna Nuttman Project is continuing and is about 75% complete. Arnold Lumber will begin work on the concessions and the pavilion this week. A public meeting will be held, likely during the first week in February, 2020, to inform people of the progress before sign up begins for the baseball and softball seasons.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent introduced Tony Lothridge, who began December 23, 2019 as the fire marshal/assistant building inspector. Witte informed Council that the State of Indiana has updated the building codes and with several changes he is considering using the Council Chambers for meetings with the local contractors to go over changes, which will effect all trades such as plumbing, electrical and so forth.

Council Input:

Coshow announced that Ryan Twiss of the Northeast Regional Partnership will be at the Chamber's noon meeting at Woodcrest on Monday. Since the City is working on a grant proposal for \$250,000 it is hoped some can attend the meeting.

Dyer congratulated and welcomed both the new Mayor Dan Rickord and Councilman Scott Murray.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Sirk, 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 7:50 P.M.