

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 2, 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 January 19th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer also emailed the minutes from the Special Council meeting, which was held on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special meeting. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker gave an update on the property acquisitions for the Sewer Interceptor project. The City will be purchasing property from Mark Bulmahn for the average of two (2) appraisals. The garage will be purchased and demolished, but the demolition of the main building will not be done at this point. Baker is working on closings for various easements on Loshe, Franz, Conkling and Zwick properties. The City Engineer, Nate Rumschlag is in the process of having environmental hazard testing done before the buildings can be demolished. Once the properties agreements are complete, then contractors will be notified to bid the sewer project.

The Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported she held two (2) informational meetings for the Façade Program. To date, 18 downtown businesses are interested. Norby is helping the business owners with completing the application. The Decatur Main Street Design Committee will be scoring the applications. The City has committed \$50,000 over five (5) years a 50/50 match. Councilman Collier suggested for Norby to contact Regional Cities to see if they could possibly help fund this program too.

Since it's a new term, Mayor Meyer asked for nominations for a mayor pro tem. Councilman Sirk made a motion to nominate Councilman Matt Dyer. Councilman Collier seconded the motion. The Mayor asked for any discussion to accept Matt Dyer as mayor pro tem, none were received. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker reported on Senate Bill 88, which did not pass, but Senate Bill 366 did pass on Solid Waste Districts. Baker commented the resolutions and letters that were sent were very effective. Baker encouraged continuing to contact state representative with their concerns, and to visit IACT's website for other future bills being proposed.

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

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.