

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 4, 2020

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 4, 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 Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Councilman Craig Coshow was absent. 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 January 21, 2020 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fullenkamp made a motion to suspend the Council meeting and open a Public Hearing for the purpose of public input regarding a tax abatement for ABCinema. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. City Attorney, Tim Baker then shared that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear any public comments regarding the five (5) year tax abatement for personal property and ten (10) year abatement for real property for ABCinema at 130 W. Monroe Street formerly known as 140 W. Monroe Street. Attorney Audra Snyder noted there were a couple of clarifications regarding the figures which includes labor and installation charges and she noted she had talked with City Attorney Baker and County officials and they both felt that the figures could be included since the installation of the equipment is necessary. There being no other public input, Sirk made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to reopen the Council Meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make the legal advertisement for the Public Hearing regarding the tax abatement submitted by ABCinema, Inc. a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. The Clerk-Treasurer noted that the address in the advertisement was not correct, it should have read 130 W. Monroe Street formerly known as 140 W. Monroe Street, the date and time and place of the public hearing was correct in the publication.

Sirk made a motion to make the statement of proof of filing notice to all of the appropriate taxing units a matter of record. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Confirming Resolution 2020-3, a resolution for the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for ABCinema at 130 W. Monroe Street formerly 140 W. Monroe Street requesting a five (5) year abatement for personal property and ten (10) year abatement for real property, was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to introduce Confirming Resolution 2020-3 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Confirming Resolution 2020-3 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Confirming Resolution 2020-3. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda concerned two (2) event forms. R.J. Pitman appeared before the Council regarding an event to be held on Madison Street Plaza on Friday, May 29, 2020. The event is supported by the Adams County Drug Free Organization and is entitled We Do Recover 2020, Get Sober, Stay Sober. Mr. Pitman shared the event is aimed at helping people get over the stigma

regarding people of addiction. There will be bands featuring Recovering Artists. The event starts at 4:30 to 11 p.m., with the concert to be held from 6-9 P.M. and tickets are \$15.00. Sirk made a motion to approve the event and the street closure of a portion of Madison Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. for food vendors. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Fullenkamp then inquired regarding the fees of \$100 and it was decided they needed to look into the specifics rules regarding it being a not-for-profit event.

The second event form was presented by Sherry Gordon for ABATE Mayor's Ride event. This is the 31<sup>st</sup> year for the event and the group is asking to return the event to Decatur. The event will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020 and they plan to register the riders in Fort Wayne and then travel to Decatur via US 27. It was noted that it was four (4) years ago that the event was held in Decatur. Ms. Gordon shared there will be vendors and they want to promote local businesses for this Family Friendly Event. They plan to arrive in Decatur around noon and will be done by 5 P.M. Dyer made a motion to approve the event for ABATE Mayor's Ride. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. It was then shared that funds raised go to ABATE to educate motorcycle safety. The motorcycles will be parked along Second Street between Monroe Street and Madison Street and around the Court House.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager gave an update regarding Hanna Nuttman Ball Park and noted they are making great strides. He would like to request some funds from the Rainy Day Fund to do some concrete work. It was announced there will be a meeting to update the public on the progress on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at Riverside Center at 6:30 p.m. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned that there is money set aside for sidewalks in the CEDIT fund if needed. The Mayor noted that there is a small area at the school that needs sidewalks. Jeremy Gilbert will get quotes for these projects and report at a future meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve using the funds available for the concrete work at Hanna Nuttman and the small portion needed at the school, but not to use all that is in the budget. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker had prepared Resolution 2020-4, a resolution to recognize Bill Karbach for his years of service to the City. Karbach served as a member of the Plan Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Board of Public Works and Safety and Code Enforcement Officer. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2020-4 to be read in its entirety. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Attorney Baker read Resolution 2020-4 in its entirety. Dyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-4. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted and a copy of Resolution 2020-4 was presented to William "Bill" Karbach.

Following the presentation of the Resolution, Mayor Rickord presented a Key to the City to Bill Karbach. Dyer then thanked Karbach for his work, especially as code enforcer as he was an advocate to get things cleaned up around the City and he was also a special advocate for the Police Department. Fullenkamp noted Karbach had a thankless job as Code Enforcer. Attorney Baker then thanked Bill's wife Joann noting the spouse of anyone serving the City is also serving the City. Karbach was given a standing ovation, and thanked by many in attendance.

#### Department Heads Input:

Chief Corral reported that last week School Resource Officer Busse had done an excellent job providing a pedestrian safety presentation for the students at Belmont Elementary School. He noted things seem to be going well at the crossings.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent reminded the public that there is a no burn ordinance in the City, burning wood is allowed, but not trash.

Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Civil Manager announced sewer work will begin behind Yvonne Marie's Antique Mall so the area will be torn up for the next couple of weeks.

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 passed.

Adjournment was at 8:25 P.M.