

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2nd Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Meyer. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were 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 February 6, 2018 meeting. There being no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was shared that the City has an annual agreement with the Adams County Economic Development Corporation and this year's rate is \$43,028.31, which is 13% of the City's CEDIT distribution. Dyer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign and approve the agreement at a cost of \$43,028.31. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The review of the CF-1 form for Prime, Inc. was brought forth as per the yearly compliance agreement regarding an abatement. It was noted they have added two (2) employees over the 2017 report. Thus, they are moving in the right direction. Mayor Meyer commented that Prime had probably misjudged the numbers in their original proposal. Dyer made a motion to preliminarily deny this latest abatement request. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed. The denial created the necessity for a Public Hearing to be held on March 6, 2018. City Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright will inform Prime, Inc. officials of the hearing.

Ordinance 2018-3, a Bond Ordinance authorizing the issuance of Waterworks Revenue Bonds not to exceed \$18,800,000 for the acquisition, construction, installation of extensions, additions, and improvements to the Waterworks system in two (2) phases was brought forward for third reading. The Mayor asked for any public comment, no comments were received. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-3 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried. City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2018-3 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-3 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray a roll call was taken resulting in passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-3 had been adopted.

City Attorney Baker noted it was good to have the Water bonds done now as interest rates are going up. The Bonds are to be sold on March 27, 2018 with closing to be held on April 12, 2018.

Council Members were informed that the Board of Public Works and Safety members accepted the quote from Lofthouse Films for the marketing plan to raise \$1 million for the Hanna Nuttman Ball Park Project. It was reviewed that the Council had allocated \$20,000 of the \$50,000 budgeted for marketing at the February 6, 2018 meeting. However, the bid came in at \$30,000 with the additional \$10,000 to be used for expenses. Dyer made a motion to approve the \$30,000 bid with Lofthouse Films using funds from the \$50,000 that was budgeted for marketing. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright asked for permission to write-off three checks totaling \$238.00 that were over two years old and had never been cashed, which will be redeposited into the General fund. A motion to write-off the \$238.00 was made by Sirk seconded by Coshow, and passed.

City Attorney, Tim Baker brought up two (2) items that had been discussed at the July 18, 2017 meeting regarding registration fees and fines from golf carts collected from the Police Department, and also mowing violations collected by the Parks and Recreation department.

Ordinance 2018-5, an ordinance to place golf cart registration fees and fines in the Local Law Enforcement Continuing Education fund (LLECE), rather than the General fund was brought forth to be consider and would be retroactive to January 1, 2018. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-5 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-5 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-5 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded Fullenkamp, the motion passed. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-5 on its second reading. Seconded by Coshow, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2018-5 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-5 by short title only, Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-5 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, roll call showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-5 has been adopted.

Ordinance 2018-6, an ordinance to place funds collected from costs assessed and collected for mowing yards deemed a nuisance be deposited into the Parks and Recreation fund, rather than the General fund was brought forth. Funds are retroactive to January 1, 2018. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-6 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion carried. City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2018-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-6 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call passed with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-6 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-6 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, roll call vote showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2018-6 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-6 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Coshow, a roll call provided a 5-0 passage vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-6 has been adopted.

Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-15 once again regarding liability for invoicing city services by the Utilities office. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

Council Input:

Dyer noted that with the warmer weather and more people out he encouraged all dog walkers to keep dog excrement off the sidewalks.

Department Heads Input:

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director shared that Decatur's Most Talented will feature 14 acts, will be held this Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Belmont High School. The \$5 tickets are available at the Corner Café and City Hall.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that with warmer weather and the rain, pot holes will be popping up. He encouraged if anyone sees pot holes to use the City's website to log locations.

Gilbert shared that there will be more activity in the next couple of weeks on the Madison Street Plaza project, especially as the temperatures go up and the weather cooperates.

Gilbert was asked about the Monroe Street paving project. Gilbert reported he had attended a pre-construction meeting with INDOT and they are looking at coming in about the first week in April and hoping to be completed by mid year.

Gilbert also announced that at last Thursday's quarterly meeting about the 5-Points Project he learned that INDOT now plans to pay 80% of the project. He looks for activity there around late March.

Mayor' Report:

Mayor Meyer shared that at the Annual Chamber Dinner the emcee of the event, John Kintz, kept mentioning the condition of Monroe Street. Also, he gave a hats off to Dave Haggard, Manley Meats, and WZBD for receiving the Chamber awards.

Mayor Meyer then recognized Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright who will be celebrating her birthday tomorrow. He shared she started as Clerk-Treasurer in August, 1997 and that he appreciates her expertise.

Coshow 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 8:07 P.M.