

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 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 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 February 16th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Suzy Fuelling and Sandy Collier were present to give an update on the Pennsy Depot Renovation Project. Suzy Fuelling gave an update on what improvements have been made on the depot. Sandy Collier gave a financial report on expenses and monies received from fund raisers, donations, and grants. Mrs. Collier mentioned the City Attorney is working on a contract for the public to rent the facility, which they've received several inquiries wanting to rent the building in the month of May. The ladies are also working on another project for the City. Flyers were handed out explaining a sculpture campaign to raise funds to purchase the bronze sculpture called "Let Freedom Ring" that is currently located in front of the Adams County Community Foundation, and to move the sculpture to a new location in Founders Park with the other patriotic sculpture called "For Which It Stands". The ladies are requesting donations to make the "Let Freedom Ring" sculpture a permanent feature in Founders Park. Donations can be made to Adams County Community Foundation.

Building Supt., Roger Gage handed out information pertaining to the City's Sidewalk program. Council had approved funding \$50,000.00 for 2016, and another \$50,000.00 for 2017 toward sidewalk improvements. The Building Department has received interest from 17 homeowners who are wanting to participate in the 50-50 sidewalk program. The estimated cost to replace the 17 areas, totals \$20,000.00. Gage mentioned that Council previously discussed finishing Winchester Street, which will cost approximately \$69,000.00. Gage requested guidance on which areas to spend the allotted funds towards. By consensus, a decision will be made at the next council meeting.

Greg Kitson, speaking on behalf of the Greater Decatur Advisory Committee recommended the City of Decatur not submit a Letter of Interest to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for the 2016 Stellar Community Program. The committee recommends taking a year off from the Stellar process to concentrate on projects already underway. This will allow Decatur to have significant community development victories in the shortest period of time. This year off will also allow the committee to fully utilize the generosity of the capital campaign supporters, and maximize the use of public funds. Dyer made a motion to accept the Greater Decatur Advisory Committee's recommendation and not submit a Letter of Interest to OCRA for the 2016 Stellar Community Program. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert had discussed at the Board of Works meeting for the City to purchase two (2) recycling trucks from the City of Hammond. The used trucks are both 2012 Harvester chassis, with low miles and can be used for recycling, or as a dump truck. If the City bought a brand new truck with recycling box, it would cost approximately \$150,000.00. The City of Hammond is selling both trucks for \$45,000.00. Gilbert commented that he had budgeted for a truck in his 2016 budget. The Board of Works members at their meeting recommended to Council to purchase the two trucks. Mayor Meyer remarked that the City is looking at curbside recycling, but will conduct a survey before implementing the program to see how many residents are willing to participate. Dyer made a motion to approve purchasing the two trucks for \$45,000.00. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The Mayor reported what a huge success Decatur's Cultural Connection - Decatur Has Talent contest was, that took place at Belmont High School this past weekend. The Mayor thanked everyone that was involved.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported there were 12 applications returned for the Downtown Façade Program. These applications will be reviewed and the grant will be awarded in April. The City has committed \$50,000, and the OCRA grant is for \$10,000. The most an applicant can receive is \$15,000.

The City Attorney gave an update on SB 88 for Solid Waste Districts. Senator Brown concurred with the amendments and will go to the Governor's desk next week.

Dyer made a motion to make the proof of publication for the City's 2015 Cash and Investment Statement a matter of record. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Coshow made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.