

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 6, 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 20, 2018 meeting. There being no corrections, Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sirk made a motion to suspend the Council meeting for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing for New Prime, Inc. regarding tax abatement for real estate. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the purpose of any input regarding the tax abatement for real estate for New Prime, Inc. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that New Prime, Inc. also filed a CF-1 form for personal property, but the five year abatement period has expired.

There being no one in attendance to speak on behalf of New Prime, Inc. regarding the abatement, and no comments received from the public, Sirk made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to reconvene the Council Meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Due to the number of employees and salaries have not been met as estimated on the Statement of Benefits (SB-1) form when the abatement was granted, Resolution 2018-4, a resolution to continue the denial of the tax abatement for real estate for New Prime, Inc. was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-4 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was passed. City Attorney, Tim Baker read Resolution 2018-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-4. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. A copy of Resolution 2018-4 will be sent to New Prime, Inc. and filed with the Adams County Auditor.

Upon recommendation of Decatur Housing Authority Jack Macklin, Mayor Meyer noted he appointed Danae Ybarra to the Decatur Housing Authority for a term four (4) year term. Dyer made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed.

An event form from VP Racing Fuels, owner David Shortz was present to request closing a portion of Meibers Street between 12th and US 27/13th Street from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M. on Saturday, April 7, 2018 for their grand opening. They will be featuring street cars and classics. Sirk made a motion to approve the event and the street closing. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

An event form had been received from Chris Faurote of Vinnie's Bar asking for the closure of Second Street on August 18, 2018. Wanting to get more specifics, Dyer made a motion to table the form until more information can be sought. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer shared the City had been asked to become a sponsor of Spotlight for \$1,500 to be held March 10, 2018. Sirk made a motion to approve the sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

Coshow thanked such groups as the Decatur Fire Department, Decatur Police Department, and Jim Franze with the canine from the County Sheriff's Department for providing educational programs for the Spotlight event. He also asked the Mayor and available Council Members to judge the various booths. Judging time was set for 10 A.M.

Mayor Meyer shared a request from Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert who was unable to attend this evening's meeting as he was attending Road School. Gilbert had asked permission to redo First Street from Monroe Street to Jefferson Street with new pavement, sidewalks and new lighting. The estimated cost for this project is \$92,942.40. Discussion centered on the \$750,000 in the 2018 budget for Capital Projects and especially the \$100,000 proposed for property acquisition on First Street which will not be accomplished this year. Sirk made a motion to use up to \$100,000 from the Capital Projects budget item to complete the First Street Project as proposed by Gilbert. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Regarding the Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2018, the Preliminary Official Statement for potential bidders had been received from Crowe Horwath. Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright, Utilities Auditor Kevin Hackman, City Attorney Tim Baker, and Bond Counsel had reviewed the document. Coshow made a motion to authorize Mayor Meyer to sign the document and return it to Crowe Horwath. Seconded by Murray the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the letter of resignation from Mike Fawcett, a crew leader for the Water Utilities Department with his last day of work to be March 9, 2018. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. The job opening has been posted internally by Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert.

Sirk made a motion to make the Notice to Proceed letter to Scott Crites of American Structurepoint to move forward with the preliminary engineering service for the improvement project for 2nd, Adams, Winchester and Mercer Ave (5-Points) a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

A contract from Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR) for \$3,000 had been received for the design work of signage at the Nature Preserve. Five (5) signs will be located at various areas along the Nature Preserve. Emerson Brown, a Boy Scout, who had taken on the project has raised half of the needed funds to purchase the signs. Dyer made a motion to approve the contract and pay \$3,000 to JPR for designing the signs. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director presented a press release regarding the search for stories from people throughout the 50 years of baseball and softball at Hanna Nuttman Park. The stories will be shared with Lofthouse Films for the marketing of the Project. She noted the stories are for fundraising as well as for celebration of the history of Hanna Nuttman Ball Park.

Norby noted the City is planning a fundraiser for the Hanna Nuttman Ball Park Project with The Mersey Beatles concert to be held on Sunday evening, May 6, 2018 at 7 P.M. More details will follow later.

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. This ordinance will be tabled until May and then will strike the ordinance once the utilities office has new software installed.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright noted she had published the City's Annual Cash & Investment Statement of 2017. Dyer made the legal notice a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Three Belmont High School students--Allyson McBride, August Tharp, and Ben Cartwright shared they are planning a "Never Again Rally" for April 20, 2018, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine shooting. They will complete an event form for a peaceful march from Belmont High School to the Adams County Courthouse where they are planning to have several speakers. Mayor Meyer complimented them, noting they were doing everything right by getting permission. Suggestions were given to the students to think about restrooms facilities and transportation on how to return back to the school after the event is over.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Dyer the motion was adopted, with Fullenkamp abstaining.

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 8:28 P.M.