

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 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 Cameron Collier, Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, 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 21, 2017 meeting. There were no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was representatives of the Decatur Sculpture Tour to be held on Friday, June 9, 2017. Set up time is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Friday, June 9 with the event start time scheduled for 4:00 P.M. The unveiling is scheduled to begin at 6:15 P.M. and the day's events will conclude around 9:00 P.M. Coni Mayer, Jean Brune, and Greg Mendez presented the request. Mayer asked that the following streets be closed: Second Street from Jefferson to Jackson Streets (10 A.M. to 10 P.M.), Madison Street from First to Third Streets (10 A.M. to 10 P.M.), Third Street from Court to Madison Streets (3 P.M. to 10 P.M.), and Court Street from Second to Third Streets (4 P.M. to 10 P.M.). They shared that several nationally known artists will be sharing their sculptures and there will be more and larger sculptures this year. There will be food vendors, an Artist Street Gallery, Strolling Musicians, and others events including the plein air artists. The group sought funding from Council. A motion was made by Collier to approve supporting the event at \$1,000.00 from Common Council's promotional account. Sirk seconded the motion which then passed. With the In-kind help from the city workers, the City's sponsorship is at the Platinum level. It was shared that there were 58 exhibits proposed this year featuring 28 artists. Sirk made a motion to approve the event form for the Decatur Sculpture Tour. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Next Carol Pettibone, Cindy Thieme, Abbey Martin, Mary Bertsch, and Lauri Logan made a presentation for SAFE (Supporting All Families Everyday) in Adams County. They shared that the month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and various events are being held throughout the month. A special program entitled "Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children was noted as was its presenter Lauri Logan. It was noted blue pinwheels will be placed throughout the area as visual reminders to prevent child abuse. Mayor Meyer read a Proclamation acknowledging the Month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A motion was made by Sirk to make the proof of publication of the City's cash and investment report as of December 31, 2016 a matter of record. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed.

During the February 21, 2017 meeting a presentation had been made by Todd Williams for Hoosier S.T.A.R.T., a retirement investment plan for city employees. It was noted that if the City plans to go with the plan a resolution will be needed. Coshow made a motion to have a resolution prepared for the March 21, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The next item to come before the Council was ABATE of Indiana representatives Pam McCoy the District Director and Jim Rumschlag a resident of Decatur. It was noted that Ms. McCoy is from Columbia City and they would like to host the event. However, she noted the group wants to stay in Decatur as they have done the past two years. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 11, 2017. They are expecting over 600 participants and will complete the event form for approval.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer reported \$570,875 has been awarded to Decatur from FEMA grant funds to purchase six (6) more flood prone homes. The City will be responsible for 25% or \$142,719. Some \$35,000 will come from Maumee River Basin Commission funds and \$45,000 will be in-kind funding provided by the City employees.

Department Heads:

Dan Rickord, Utilities Director, noted they were still waiting on the results regarding the wells being considered.

Greg Cook, Chief of Police, shared that Blaze Brooks, the newest police officer, had passed everything at the state and they have applied to PERF.

Roger Gage, Building/Zoning Supt., praised Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission for doing a great job of getting the City grant funds. Gage encouraged the seeking of support from the legislators for continuation of funding.

Council Input:

Coshow noted Spotlight on Decatur will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Bellmont Middle School with lots of things going on. The cost to enter the event is \$2.00 and free tickets are available at various locations, including City Offices.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Fullenkamp seconded the motion which passed.

Adjournment was at 8:09 P.M.