

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were 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 March 2, 2021 meeting. Murray made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was an event form for the Decatur Sculpture Tour to be held on Friday, June 11, 2021, which will be their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A list of street closings was attached to the event form. Dyer made a motion to approve the event and the street closings for the Decatur Sculpture Tour. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2021-5, an ordinance to amend the salary ordinance to include the position of Certified Meter Reader, was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-5 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-5 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-5 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-5 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-5 until the April 6, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2021-6, an ordinance to adopt S-5 Supplement to the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, was brought forward. This Supplement includes the ordinance that were adopted in the year 2020. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-6 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-6 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-6 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-6 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote passed by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2021-6 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2021-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-6 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and passed with a vote of 5-0.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, appeared before the Council regarding ProChamps. Witte shared that Councilman Murray had found a website with various cities that ProChamps listed as partners. However, after contacting fourteen (14) cities listed, Witte learned that none of them had heard of ProChamps. Several had adopted ordinances regarding vacant buildings which they shared with Witte. Witte noted he feels there is no reason to further pursue ProChamps

and feels that the City can work on its own ordinance. Witte would like additional time to study the various ordinances and to see what needs to be added to the City's current ordinance. It was noted that with all the time spent on Code Enforcement, it may become necessary to look at adding another employee for next year's budget. By consensus, Witte was directed to review the ordinance from the other communities and report back at a future meeting.

#### Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that the department held golf cart registrations on Saturday with 25 carts registered. He noted a second date is set for April 9, 2021. Chief Corral announced that Officer Alex Smith will be sworn in at 3:30 P.M. tomorrow, and that Officer Smith and Officer Schwaller have been accepted into the Academy in June. Chief Corral also mentioned that improvements are being done at the shooting range.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that work continues at Hanna Nuttman with plans for a Grand Opening on May 8, 2021. More information will follow in the near future regarding the plans for the day. Heavy trash pick-up will be the week of April 4<sup>th</sup>, and asked residents to use common sense when putting stuff out. Any questions call 724-3356.

Bill Carpenter, Assistant Water Superintendent, shared that the new water plant on Winchester Street is about a month from start-up.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent mentioned that with spring comes the building of patios, decks and fences and encourages people to contact his office at 724-3814 for needed permits.

#### Council Input:

Dyer gave positive comments regarding the work being done in the Homestead Addition.

Sirk noted work was progressing well with the sidewalks along East Monroe Street.

It was announced that the Parks and Recreation Department and the Belmont Honor Society had set March 22-26, 2021, which is Spring Break, to work on cleaning up the various parks in the City. The slogan for the event is Pick Up Parks. Specific times and location can be found on Facebook.

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 7:20 P.M.