

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 19, 2019

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 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 5, 2019 meeting. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was the recognition of SAFE in Adams County celebrating April as Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month. Cindy Thieme gave a summary of what the group does which was followed by Mayor Meyer reading a Proclamation declaring the month of April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month in Decatur. Mayor Meyer thanked the SAFE representatives for their attendance and for the work they do. One project of the group is the planting of blue pinwheels at various places throughout the area and each Council Member was given a blue pinwheel.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented the CF-1 abatement form for REV personal property as per the abatement filed in 2009. It was noted they were in compliance and Dyer made a motion to continue the abatement for personal property for REV and authorized Mayor Meyer to sign the document. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Next was an amendment to the current Salary Ordinance 2018-20, due to Erin Heyerly being selected to move from the position of Utility Clerk to an Administrator in the Plan Commission/Building and Zoning Department. Also Dan Friedt was hired by the Parks and Recreation Board to fill a new position as Maintenance Operator for the Parks & Recreation Department. Thus, Ordinance 2019-3, was prepared and presented to amend the current Salary Ordinance. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-3 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-3 by short title only. Sirk then made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-3 on its first reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote was taken and passed by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-3 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-3 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-3 on its second reading. Seconded by Coshow, the roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-3 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was passed, and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-3 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-3 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was taken and passed with a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-3 has been adopted.

Since Erin Heyerly is going from Utility Clerk to the Plan Commission/Building and Zoning Department, it was noted applications are being taken for a Utility Clerk until Friday and Mayor Meyer shared several applications have been filed.

Event Forms were next considered. The first Event Form was for the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by WZBD and to be held on April 20, 2019 in the area north of Riverside Center. Set up will begin at 10:30 A.M. with the hunt to begin at noon and last approximately ½ hour. Dyer made a motion to approve the Event Form for the Easter Egg Hunt with Jackson Street closed from the Jackson St. Bridge to 224. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted.

The second Event Form was from the Chamber and Decatur Main Street for the 4th of July Celebration. Since the 4th of July is on a Thursday, the evening's events will begin with the Bulldogs Band performing on Madison Street Plaza from 7-9 P.M. and then the event will move to the area north of Riverside Center for the fireworks. Dyer made a motion to approve the Event Form for the 4th of July event. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

The third Event Form was for the Farmer's Market to be held on Thursdays from mid-May to mid-October. Discussion was held regarding just where everything would be held since the concerts were also held on Thursday evening and several vendors needed space for those events. Following a discussion of the use of 1st Street, the 1st Street Parking Lot, and Madison Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets, it was decided more study needs to be done. Thus, Sirk made a motion to table action of this Event Form until more information could be gathered. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

A request had been received from the Chamber and the Callithumpian Committee seeking \$1,000 of support for their Fireworks Extravaganza. Dyer made a motion to provide \$1,000 for the Fireworks Extravaganza from Common Council's promotional account. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, had distributed a listing of the businesses selected by the Decatur Main Street Design Committee to receive Façade funding. Tony Murray, member of the Design Committee, was also present to share the committee's results. Coshow made a motion to approve the recommendations made by the Decatur Main Street Design Committee for six (6) businesses to be awarded funding for a total of \$50,000. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Chief of Police, Lennie Corral appeared before the Council to present an idea brought forth by Reverend Becker, who had attended the meeting but needed to leave because of a previous engagement. Rev. Becker had proposed a campaign he feels strongly about concerning safety and drivers using their turn signals. He proposed asking businesses and organizations with electronic signs to post a message of "Welcome to Decatur, Please use your turn signals, and Enjoy your stay." By consensus, Council Members approved using April 2, 2019 as Turn Signal Tuesday and Chief Corral shared he would have officers be especially alert to turn-signal violations on that day and give warnings and encourage drivers to use their turn signals for safety.

Department Head Input:

Chief Corral noted the Decatur Police Department had been asked by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization to escort their speaker Pat McAfee, former Indianapolis Colts kicker, to and from the airport. He also shared there had been an incident between two (2) individuals not in their right minds and he thanked Assistant Fire Chief, Jim Hitchcock for assisting the officer during the incident.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, shared that the camera/computer truck had arrived and they had already found a water leak they had not known about. Bergdall was

encouraged to have the truck available for Council Members, Press, and others to view the truck at the next meeting.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, shared that action had been taken by the Board of Works to accept the bid for the resurfacing work to be completed as a result of the Community Crossings Grant. Eighteen (18) streets will be resurfaced as a result. He shared that \$800,000 to \$900,000 would be used for resurfacing in 2019 compared to the usual amount of around \$200,000.

Collier inquired about the crossings around the school from the south side of Monroe Street since there would be more foot traffic with all students being schooled on the Belmont Campus. Gilbert shared he had been in contact with and would be meeting with Superintendent Lehman on Friday regarding ADA ramps and crossings that need to be improved.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, announced tickets are on sale for the Mersey Beatles' performance to be held May 8, 2019 with prices ranging from \$22 to \$45.

Council Input:

Sirk announced that the Decatur Main Street Downtown Investment Celebration will be held Tuesday, March 26, 2019 beginning at 5 P.M. at Bear's Den and then at 2 Brothers Restaurant.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:29 P.M.