

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 20, 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 which was led by three members of Boy Scout Troop 60 who were in attendance for the meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the March 6, 2018 meeting. There being no corrections, Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was shared that ABCinema had filed their CF-1 form for personal property tax abatement. They had estimated the number of employees (6), which they have, and salaries were estimated at \$7.25 to \$10 an hour, their actual is \$7.50 to \$10 which shows the property owner is in substantial compliance. Sirk made a motion to approve the abatement for ABCinema. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make the proof of publication for the Notice of Intent to Sell Waterworks Revenue Bonds Series 2018 a matter of record. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Students Allyson McBride, August Tharp, and Ben Cartwright again appeared before the council regarding an event approval for their "Never Again" Rally to be held on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 3:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. It was suggested the only street closure would be Madison Street. The issue for the event is liability insurance. The City has calls into their insurance provider. It was shared that the County Commissioners, the Police, and the Fire personnel have all signed the form. A motion was made by Coshow to table the approval of the event form until the insurance company could respond. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

WZBD had completed an event form to request closing Jackson Street from the Chamber lot to the 224 traffic light from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 31, 2018 for their annual Easter egg hunt. The form had been submitted by Al Converset of WZBD. Sirk made a motion to approve the event form. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-15 once again, regarding liability for invoicing city services by the Utilities office. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that the Water Bonds for the well field and treatment plant is moving forward. Bonds will be sold on March 27, 2018 with the closing scheduled for April 12, 2018.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director shared the tickets for the Mersey Beatles Concert to be held at 7 P.M. on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at the Erekson Theatre on the campus of Belmont High School will go on sale at 9 A.M. on Thursday, March 22, 2018. It was shared there has already been numerous inquiries regarding when the tickets would be available. This concert is to help raise funds for the Hanna Nuttman Ball Park Renovations Project.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer shared it was a proud day for Decatur on Monday, March 19, 2018 when three (3) young men were sworn in as police officers: Lucas Rumschlag, Daniel Hunter, and Seth Colwell. Also, John Summers was sworn in as Captain of the City Reserves. It was noted the three new officers will be attending the Police Academy for four (4) months. Corey Hamm, the K9 Officer is at Canine Academy now. Thus, by September, 2018, the Police Department should be at full staff.

Department Heads:

Chief Corral noted that the officers are really working together with the shortage and are very supportive in getting everything covered.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager noted that he is still watching closely the McClure gas spill. He also reported that Primco is working on the Madison Street Plaza project.

Council Input:

Sirk shared that Decatur Main Street and Decatur Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Downtown Investment Celebration for an Open House on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at the 2nd Street Lofts to promote the lofts project.

Coshow thanked the Mayor for presenting a key to the City to Donald Davidson who was one of the speakers at the Chamber's Spotlight event. He also thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department for providing educational events and he thanked the Boy Scouts for their attendance at this evening's meeting.

Fullenkamp 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 Murray, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 7:58 P.M.