

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2017

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

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to make a matter of record the Memorandum of Agreement for engineering services by HWC Engineering at a cost of \$23,000. Motion passed. This agreement is for a possible water park. The services will include the formation of a task force, doing a feasibility study, and getting input from local residents. A couple of renderings will then be proposed. Originally the estimated cost for this process was \$25,000.

Mayor Meyer noted that Prime, Inc. had filed their yearly report abatement papers. Last year they missed the due date of May 15, 2016 and were denied the abatement. This year they are early with their filing. It was noted there were some discrepancies and after some discussion a motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Dyer to table the abatement proposal until the next meeting. The motion was adopted. Mayor Meyer and the Clerk-Treasurer will be contacting the officials and try to get clarification regarding some of the figures on the CF-1 form. It was noted that perhaps Prime, Inc. representatives would attend the meeting.

Resolution 2017-2 regarding the implementation of the Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. Deferred Compensation Plan for City employees was brought forth. Currently the employees are using the Nationwide Plan. The Hoosier S.T.A.R.T. plan would be the only plan available for any new employees. It would provide for employee contribution with payroll deductions bi-weekly and would be available after May 1, 2017. A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to introduce Resolution 2017-2 by short title only. Motion passed. Resolution 2017-2 was read by short title only. A motion to adopt Resolution 2017-2 was made by Collier. Seconded by Sirk, Resolution 2017-2 was adopted.

Ordinance 2017-1, a salary ordinance regarding changing the janitorial service at the police station to an hourly rate of \$10 for 16 hours a week. A motion was made by Collier to introduce Ordinance 2017-1 for its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Sirk, the motion carried. Ordinance 2017-1 was read by short title only. A motion was made by Collier to adopt Ordinance 2017-1 on its first reading. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed by Roll Call vote of 5-0. Collier made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-1 on second reading by short title only. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed. Ordinance 2017 was read by short title only. Collier made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-1 on its second reading. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted by a 5-0 roll call vote. Collier made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2017-1 on its third and final reading by short title only. Seconded by Sirk the motion was

adopted. Ordinance 2017-1 was read by short title only. A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-1 on its third and final reading. A roll call vote of 5-0 adopted Ordinance No. 2017-1.

It was shared that North Adams Community Schools had signed the warranty deed to transfer Worthman Field to the City of Decatur. The deed was made a matter of record upon motion by Sirk, seconded by Dyer, and adopted. The deed will be recorded by the Clerk-Treasurer.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared he had received a letter from Mike Pettibone, President of Safety Park, noting he would like to meet with the City to work out details such as insurance, utilities, mowing, and maintenance of the buildings at Worthman Field. A meeting will likely take place in the near future.

Department Heads:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted that Friday, March 31, 2017 would be Dwight Pierce's last day of employment with the city. He invited the Council members to a lunch to be held at 11:30 that day. Gilbert reported that Josh Sefton will soon be hired to fill the vacancy.

Council Input:

Councilman Sirk noted he wanted to acknowledge the great work the city employees do. He recently received a call from a citizen who wanted to thank the employees who work with the sewers as they had problems and received great help from the city employees. He also asked about the flag pole and light along Monroe Street in front of the old City Hall. The Mayor informed him the light and flag poles will be changed at the time of the Monroe Street streetscape project.

Councilman Coshow noted caricatures had been drawn of Council members and the Mayor at the recent Spotlight on Decatur and shared they were available for viewing on the back table.

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

Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:13 P.M.