

CITY OF DECATUR  
SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2020

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers 172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor 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 was City Attorney Tim Baker, Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright, Utilities Auditor Kevin Hackman and Rob Weaver reporter from WZBD radio.

Notice of the Special meeting was properly posted at City Hall, and the media was notified.

Sirk made a motion to suspend the minutes from March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and also the March 20<sup>th</sup> Special meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney informed Council that the public notice posted was to approve a Resolution, but was recommended by Tom Pitman, Bond Counsel of Barnes & Thornburg to establish policies by Ordinance rather than a Resolution. The City Attorney prepared and explained Ordinance 2020-4, an Ordinance of the Common Council which establishes emergency policies regarding compliance with Public Access Laws, timely deposit of funds, approval of claims, execution of documents, City operations and services, and employee pay and benefits, and personal leave during the COVID-19 Public Health Disaster Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Indiana. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2020-4 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer. Motion carried. The City Attorney read the Ordinance by short title. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-4 on its first reading, seconded by Dyer. Roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place the Ordinance on its second reading by short title only. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney read Ordinance 2020-4 by short title. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-4 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rule and place Ordinance 2020-4 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and the City Attorney read the Ordinance by short title. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-4 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, the roll call vote was Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, Murray and Sirk voting in favor and none opposed.

Also discussed was allowing employees to donate sick days to other employees. This is outside this Public Health Disaster Emergency. The Mayor was directed to check with other cities and report back to Council. If approved, a policy will need to be established and prepared by the City Attorney.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.