

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 3, 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 was 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 20, 2018 meeting. There being no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SAFE (Supporting All Families Every Day) in Adams County appeared before the Council as part of their kick-off of April being Child Awareness and Abuse Prevention Month. Coshow made a motion to authorize Mayor Meyer to read a Proclamation to name April as Child Awareness and Abuse Prevention Month. Seconded by Fullenkamp the motion was adopted and Mayor Meyer read the Proclamation. Sirk commended the group for their continuation of bringing Sgt. Terry Hall, a police officer from Indianapolis, to the community. Council members were invited to attend the session for adults scheduled at Riverside Center on Monday evening, April 9, 2018.

Sirk made a motion to make the legal ad for the notice to taxpayers of an additional appropriation a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2018-5, a resolution requesting an additional appropriation of \$30,000 for the Decatur Redevelopment Commission was brought forth to provide the Commission additional funds to pay the expenses for the Madison Street Plaza restrooms. There were no comments from the public. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-5 by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried. Mayor Meyer read Resolution 2018-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-5. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The Mayor requested an amendment to the Salary Ordinance for Melissa Norby, Director of Community Development, in order to complete the stair-step process. Norby's title had been changed from Community Coordinator to Director of Community Development to more accurately define her position. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-7, an ordinance to amend Salary Ordinance No. 2017-11, on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. Mayor Meyer read Ordinance 2018-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-7 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Councilmen Sirk and Coshow questioned the need for the raise at this time. After the discussion Mayor Meyer asked for the Council members to vote their conscience. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-7 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried, and Mayor Meyer then read Ordinance 2018-7 by short title only. A motion to pass Ordinance 2018-7 on its second reading was made by Sirk, and seconded by Dyer. Roll call resulted in 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2018-7 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. Mayor Meyer read Ordinance 2018-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-7 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call showed 5-0 passage. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-7 has been adopted.

As a result of the passage of Ordinance 2018-7, Resolution 2018-6 was brought forth to transfer funds within the Mayor's budget to pay for the salary increase of \$1,050. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-6 by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried. Mayor Meyer read Resolution 2018-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Resolution 2018-6. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Clerk Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright who also serves as Treasurer for the Redevelopment Commission reported she has submitted the activities report of the Decatur Redevelopment Commission for the year 2017 to the Mayor and Council per Indiana Code. Sirk made a motion to make the Activity Report of the Decatur Redevelopment Commission a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The Board of Public Works and Safety members had discussed and approved helping Decatur Main Street with the responsibilities regarding the cost and upkeep of Founders Park. Dyer made a motion to agree that the City and Main Street would share the electrical costs and the City would pay the water utility bill. The City would also be responsible for general maintenance, trimming bushes/landscaping, weeding, light bulbs, upkeep to the sprinkler system and snow removal. Decatur Main Street would be responsible for unique upgrades, decorating, design elements, annual flowers, and mulching. Seconded by Murray, the motion carried with Sirk and Coshow abstaining. Dyer noted he would like yard sale and advertisement signs removed from the Park.

The Mayor reported that the Plan Commission members approved the plans for McDonald's, which will begin construction early May and will be closed 70-80 days in order to demolish the old building and rebuild a new one.

Mayor also shared that the Decatur Plan Commission is looking at updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, which is over 8 years old.

Mayor Meyer noted he had received an email from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and because of what work had been done regarding flood control, the Community Rating System (CRS) for the city has changed from Class 8 to a Class 7 in the National Flood Insurance Program, which gives homeowners a 15% discount in flood insurance rates instead of the current 10% discount. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent credited former Building & Zoning Supt., Roger Gage and Mayor Meyer credited former Mayors Isch and Schultz for starting the process, which is still being implemented.

Mayor Meyer shared he had received information from the Indiana Department of Transportation that if weather permits, construction is to begin on Monroe Street next week.

Department Heads:

Police Chief, Lennie Corral shared he had completed his chief training and his department will be reviewing applications for renewing the Police Reserve Force.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel noted he would be getting with the newspaper personnel to advertise the seeking of up to four (4) volunteers.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor reported that the new billing software will be installed on Monday, April 9, 2018.

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

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent noted, with spring comes new construction and renovations. He reminded people that building permits are needed. He especially pointed out the rules of any project using posts and the depth needed for the posts. He also shared he is working on a sign ordinance.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager announced the concrete on Madison Street Plaza will be poured as weather permits.

Council Input:

Dyer thanked the media (newspaper and radio) for attending and reporting on Council meeting. He also shared congratulations to The Galley restaurant on its 40th year in business.

Mayor Meyer announced that Casey's Store is to open Friday, April 6, 2018 and that 24/30 Surplus at the location previously used by Walgreen's is now open.

Coshow reminded everyone that RV Racing is having its grand opening and car show this coming weekend.

Sirk shared the 2nd Street Loft's open house will be held on April 12, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Meyer brought up the Student Rally to be held on April 20, 2018 and shared the City's insurance would not cover the event. He shared the students will be told that the City will not be responsible for any accidents unless the City is found to be negligent. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the event form which had been provided by the students. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. It was shared that the police department, fire department, and so forth would be assisting in overseeing the event.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Dyer. The motion was carried. Fullenkamp abstained.

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 8:19 P.M.