

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2019

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 April 2, 2019 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sirk made a motion to make the legal notification of a Public Hearing a matter of record. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to suspend the Council meeting in order to hold a Public Hearing. Second by Dyer, the motion passed.

Sirk made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Attorney Adam Miller and Jerry Setser of New Beginnings Faith Center, Inc. shared that the church had purchased the old GE parking lot, which had platted streets and alleys, which they were petitioning to have vacated. Plans are to use part of the lot as a parking lot and possibly eventually adding a building to use for storage of the church's vehicles. It was noted an ordinance would be needed for the vacating of streets and alleys. The two (2) streets had been originally identified as Short and Indiana Streets. The Mayor asked for any comments, and the only comment was from the Civil Infrastructure Manager, Don Berdall who commented that he hasn't used the sewer camera in that area, that there may be some storm water lines. There were no other comments from the public, so Dyer made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to reconvene the Council meeting. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was carried.

Ordinance 2019-4, an ordinance which vacates portions of Short Street and Indiana Street and two east-west alleys, the streets and alleys originally platted in the old GE parking lot, was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-4 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-4 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-4 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-4 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-4 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion carried and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-4 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-4 had been adopted.

Mr. Setser asked how the area (the former GE parking lot) was zoned as the GIS map and zoning map shows C-1 for the entire lot, but he had been told differently. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, informed Mr. Setser that the area is all zoned C-1 as per the zoning map.

Sirk made a motion to make the Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Tim Ulman who is a Decatur Volunteer Firefighter, and owns Ulman's Carpet & Furniture Cleaning a matter of record. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

An event form was brought forth for Chicotes to have a Cinco De Mayo event on their parking lot at 1704 Nuttman Avenue on May 4, 2019 from 2 P.M. to midnight. Sirk made a motion to approve the event. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, shared that Patronicity had been used to seek \$50,000 for the Madison Street Plaza Project. She noted funds are still available and could be used for the Hanna Nuttman Project. The Patronicity program would begin in early to mid May and run for 30 to 60 days. With the success for Madison Street Plaza funding, Norby shared she would like to give it another try. Collier made a motion to proceed for the \$50,000 matching funds for the Hanna Nuttman Project. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Chief Lennie Corral shared an announcement that had been made during the Board of Works meeting that Deputy Chief, Mike Mahan would be retiring on June 15, 2019 with 31 years of service and that Mayor Meyer had named Detective Chris Brite to be the new Deputy Chief. Brite has 25 years of service with the Department. Chief Corral shared he would fill the Detective position when the patrol staff is full. Brite was congratulated for his new position and Mahan was thanked for his years of service.

Mary Byer, local artist and art teacher shared a presentation regarding murals being painted by the Walldog Group. She noted the group focuses on history and would work as an individual or as a group. They need two (2) years to prepare. Ms. Byer feels it would also be an educational experience for the City. An individual mural would cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000. It was suggested that perhaps future façade grant money could be used for a mural. Mayor Meyer encouraged Council Members to Google the Walldog Group and learn more about them. Brian Clemons, President of Decatur Main Street, was in attendance and Collier noted that perhaps they could prepare for 2021, and possibly an individual could be hired to do a mural.

Mayor Meyer gave a review of the Hanna Nuttman Project noting it goes back to February, 2012 when the Parks & Recreation five-year Master Plan was adopted. Resolution 2015-7 was for the Stellar Strategic Community Investment Plan and the City's budget was to include over five (5) years \$2,500,000 towards capital projects. It was shared many of the projects included in the Stellar Plan has already been completed. In January, 2018, \$20,000 was provided to fund a study and marketing. In May, 2018, the Hanna Nuttman Campaign was kicked off and businesses, families, and individuals have been encouraged to contribute funds. To date, just shy of \$600,000 has been raised from 17 businesses, 59 individuals (13 from out of town), and 12 various organizations. City residents are now encouraged to contribute through Patronicity, which will be the final donation project. July 31, 2019 will be the end of the Capital Campaign for the Hanna Nuttman Project, with ground breaking to be mid-June.

Department Head Input:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, shared that at the April 2, 2019 meeting quotes for the Legion Park Restroom and the Wall at the northwest corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Monroe Streets had been

presented. These bids have been awarded and the restroom at Legion Park has been demolished. Gilbert shared the sound system for Madison Street Plaza is nearly completed. He also noted yard waste pick-up started this week. Also, it was shared that the parking lot behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Lofts should be done by the end of June. Gilbert shared he plans to place a camera system on the Public Works building to monitor the use of recycle bins as there has been far too much littering recently.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral reported that three (3) applicants had passed the physical and written tests last week. He shared that School Resource Officer, Trent Busse had completed training, and that he was happy with Detective Chris Brite being named Deputy Chief to replace Deputy Chief Mike Mahan upon his retirement.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, announced that the Board of Works had approved the signing of the contract with Kokosing Industrial, Inc. for the new water plant.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, showed a video of the clearing of a main with the use of the new camera system. He noted about 3,200 feet of line has been cleaned.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, shared that tickets are on sale online for the Mersey Beatles Concert with a handful of tickets available at City Hall. She noted the drawing for the Paul McCartney Concert will be held on May 4, 2019 and tickets are still available. Norby shared that the City was emphasizing recycling with a 30 Days project with pictures in the newspaper each day to emphasize the areas of needed help. Norby also announced that the final Artisan Crafts Market was held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 and over \$3,000 had been donated to the Hanna Nuttman Project as a result of having 50-75 vendors each month.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright shared the Clerk-Treasurer's office would be moving upstairs the week of April 22-25, 2019.

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

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

Adjournment was at 8:41 P.M.