

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
April 17, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 17, 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 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 April 3, 2018 meeting. There being no corrections, Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council had previously approved ABCinema's CF-1 form for tax abatement for personal property, since this is the first year for filing the form, the real estate was overlooked, so ABCinema completed the CF-1 form for the real estate tax abatement. They had estimated the number of employees of six, which they have, and salaries were estimated at \$7.25 to \$10 an hour and their actual is \$8.00 to \$10.00 which shows they are in substantial compliance. Dyer made a motion to accept ABCinema's tax abatement for real estate as being in compliance. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright shared she had been working to change the credit cards for city employees from First National Bank to Fifth Third Bank, due to delays in payments being posted, and interest being added. The Clerk-Treasurer checked with other local banks, and Fifth Third Bank offered payments that can be made locally, rather than mailing payments to the credit card company. There will be 13 cards for six departments, with a maximum amount of credit of \$2,000 per card, which may be used for permitted business travel expenses identified in the City's Employee Handbook. In addition, limited on-line business purchases if pre-approved by the City Clerk-Treasurer. The City Attorney prepared Ordinance 2018-8, an ordinance which amends Section 33.003 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, regarding the establishment of a City credit card account, and authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer, as the financial officer to establish a credit card account in the name of the City of Decatur. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-8 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion carried. City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2018-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to passed Ordinance 2018-8 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 2018-8 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried, and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-8 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was taken, showing a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2018-8 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-8 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was taken and showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-8 has been adopted.

Since the former Red Men's Lodge home at 413 Winchester Street had been deeded to the City, and the deed had been recorded, the Board of Public Works and Safety members had adopted a motion to demolish the building. Sirk made a motion to make the actions regarding the home at 413 Winchester Street a matter of record. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. The demolition cost will be paid from the Unsafe Building account in the Plan/Building & Zoning budget.

Mayor Meyer shared the Decatur Chamber of Commerce had made a request of the City to sponsor a planter at the rate of \$110, or adopt a planter. Murray made a motion to sponsor a planter at the rate of \$110. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed. Coshow abstained. This will be paid from Council's promotional account.

Chicotes Mexican Grill had filed an event form for Cinco De Mayo Day, setup time to be at 1 p.m., with the event starting at 2 p.m. until 11 p.m. on May 5, 2018 in their parking lot. They had secured the signature of the Police Department. Coshow made a motion to approve the event at Chicotes. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The Board of Public Works and Safety had discussed the authority of appointing a hearing officer and shared there were conflicts between ordinance and the Unsafe Building Code. The Board of Works had approved Tim Manges of Fort Wayne as a hearing officer with the Mayor given the authority to appoint Mr. Manges. The Board recommended that the Council amend the Code to name the Mayor as the one to make such an appointment. Ordinance 2018-9, an ordinance which amends Section 151.16 C – of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, regarding the designation and duties of the hearing authority was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-9 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion carried and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2018-9 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-9 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-9 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray the motion was carried and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-9 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-9 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2018-9 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-9 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-9 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, roll call showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-9 has been adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that the survey has been completed for the new Water Plant, which will be deeded into the Decatur Waterworks and annexed into the City.

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

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer shared he called INDOT after they did not start on the resurfacing of Monroe Street (US 224). The Mayor was informed that INDOT has delayed the start date to May.

Mayor Meyer congratulated Chief of Police Lennie Corral's son on his graduation from college and his appointment to the Huntington Police Department.

Department Heads:

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor shared the training for the new software is going well and the Utilities Office will be closed on Wednesday. However, payments can still be made through the drop box.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager shared that work was moving ahead on the Madison Street Plaza project.

Coshow 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 Fullenkamp, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:04 P.M.