

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 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 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 5th meeting. There were no corrections. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rod Renkenberger of Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC), and Roger Gage, the City's Floodplain Manager addressed the Council to apply for another Hazard Mitigation Grant. Council had reviewed three (3) options of whether to purchase 4, or 5, or 6 homes. Renkenberger gave a report on the benefits of mitigation, and the history Decatur has had on flood acquisitions. After discussing the options and funding, Collier made a motion for Renkenberger to apply for the grant to include six (6) properties to be paid from the Rainy Day fund. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried. If the City is awarded the grant, the grant is 25% local match, the City's portion will be \$62,718.75 cash, and \$45,000 as in-kind match, MRBC will commit \$35,000 cash, and the federal share is 75% at \$428,156.25, total grant amount is \$570,875.00.

Melissa Norby requested on behalf of the Decatur Sculpture Tour and Wine Tasting Tent to close Madison Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Court Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> St. at the alley from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. and to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Monroe & Jefferson St. at 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Jefferson & Madison Street from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The DST committee is also requesting the restrooms at City Hall be available, and also have three (3) police officers to help with this event. The Police Chief, Fire Chief and Operations Manager have signed and approved the City's event form. Dyer made motion to approve the event and street closings. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Melissa Norby requested for local artist, Greg Mendez and Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert to use 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot to clean and stain the bases for the sculptures. Dyer made a motion to approve using the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Melissa Norby requested on behalf of Winning with Wellness to close the alley south of Sherwin Williams and place barricades on both ends of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> till noon to use as a pedestrian alley during the sculpture tour. The Police Chief, Fire Chief and Operations Manager have signed and approved the City's event form. Dyer made a motion to approve the alley to be closed during this event. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney reported that he and the Mayor have contacted Mr. Pike's realtor for an option to purchase the former Shaefer building on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Madison Street for \$25,000.00, and then allow the City six (6) months to purchase the property for the average of the two (2) appraisals at \$105,000.00, which this property could possibly be used for parking and green space and future development. Sirk made a motion to approve the option to purchase for \$25,000, and the purchase of the property at \$105,000.00 to be paid from the capital improvement account in common council's budget. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported 719 people have completed the curbside recycling survey. City residents are encouraged to participate in the survey, and will be available until April 30<sup>th</sup>. After April 30<sup>th</sup>, Norby will compile the results and report the responses to Council.

Mayor Meyer mentioned at the last Board of Works meeting, the Fire Chief was approved to purchase a new grass/brush truck, and also an ATV vehicle totaling \$180,000.00. Council needs to approve funding these expenditures. Sirk made a motion to approve using the LOIT-Public Safety Fund, and also the Fire Non-Reverting Vehicle fund to purchase these vehicles. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Melissa Norby informed Council the Decatur Main Street Design Committee reviewed the applications for the Downtown Façade Program, and recommends awarding \$46,977.00 to five (5) businesses toward improvements to their buildings. The business owners have not been notified as of yet, but will have a press release soon. This is the first year for this program, which the City has committed \$50,000.00 for five years towards this program, which will provide a \$100,000.00 investment to Downtown. Collier made a motion to approve funding up to \$50,000.00 toward this program for the recommendation from the Decatur Main Street Design Committee. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the previous Board of Works meeting, the board members directed the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance to amend the Decatur Code of Ordinances to establish a 4 way stop at the intersection of alleys on Madison Street and Jefferson Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and also establish a 10 mph speed limit for safety purposes. Collier made a motion to Place Ordinance 2016-2, on First Reading by short title only. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-2 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on First Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-2 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to suspend the rules, and Place the Ordinance on Third & Final Reading by short title. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-2 by short title. Collier made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-2. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Roll call vote for adoption was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed.

The Mayor announced INDOT will be milling and resurfacing Monroe Street to US Highway 27 West (13<sup>th</sup> Street) in 2018, and suggested Council to consider budgeting for streetscaping from the bridge to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street before INDOT starts the road improvements.

Mayor Meyer informed Council that Paul Faurote has shown interest in selling his property on Monroe Street that is next to the Rice Realty property the City recently purchased for the Sewer Interceptor project. This property is not needed for the sewer project, but asked for an open discussion from council to consider purchasing this property. Mayor suggested due to this property being located next to the Rice property that will soon be demolished, may be a good time to purchase the Faurote property to clean up this area. Both Coshow and Sirk commented that this is a good idea for future development, and may be difficult to obtain later. After discussing, Dyer made a motion to have Larry Isch, member of the Decatur Redevelopment Commission and also President of the Parks & Recreation Board to negotiate the purchase with Mr. Faurote not to exceed \$17,750.00. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert reported the Parks Department will be pursuing restitution for repairs to the lawn in Hanna Nuttman Park. The person responsible for the damages has been arrested.

Two (2) residents from Northbrook Court were present to inform the City they are still having drainage issues in their backyards. Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert informed them that the City Engineer has drawn plans for this project, but has recently resigned. Gilbert will meet with the County Surveyor, Paul Norr to see what can be done, and report back to the homeowners.

The City Attorney reported that a resident on Parkview Drive had contacted the Decatur Park Board President, Larry Isch about donating property to the City.

Councilman Sirk and also Board President for the Decatur Main Street announced new landscaping will be done in Founders Park and will be paid for by Main Street.

Coshow made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.