

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were 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 6, 2021 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was brought forth by Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright regarding the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 form) for Tekni-Plex (Dolco Packaging) for their tax abatement originally filed in 2016. Whitright noted that what was estimated on the SB-1 for current number employees was 220, and 20 additional. Actual is now 240, with salaries of \$15,800,000, which shows they are in compliance. Coshow made a motion approving the CF-1 form submitted by Tekni-Plex (Dolco Packaging) who is in substantial compliance. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright presented information she had received from State Examiner Directive 2021-1 and the State Board of Accounts webinar regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding. She noted the City of Decatur is to receive \$2.05 million, which will trigger a Federal audit due to the amount. The State of Indiana is to receive the funds by May 11, 2021 and distribute half of the funds to the City within 30 days, with the second distribution to be in 2022. The City will have until December 31, 2024 to spend the funds for COVID-19 related cost, and/or for necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. An ordinance needs to be adopted to create a separate ARP Grant Fund. The ordinance will reference a plan, and a detailed plan must be adopted before funds can be spent. The handout presented by Clerk-Treasurer Whitright summarized the process and the uses of the funds. The first step is establishing a fund by ordinance, adopting a detailed plan, and the need to record/document all expenditures as required by the US Department of Treasury, and noting money can only be spent from the fund if it falls within the written guidelines of the plan. Council members were to review the possible uses to develop a detailed plan to be discussed at a future meeting.

Next to be brought before the Council were various event forms.

The first event form that had been received was from Juan Contreras for Cinco De Mayo 2021 Celebration to be held at Chicotes parking lot at 1704 Nuttman Ave. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 from 3 pm. to 11 p.m. The event will be under a tent and will feature a band. No street closings are requested. Dyer made a motion to approve the event for Chicotes Cinco De Mayo Celebration on May 8, 2021. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The second event form was from Decatur Main Street for Main Street Sweet Treats Tour, to be held on Friday, May 7, 2021. The event will be held from 4-8 P.M. and individuals will purchase tickets and then visit each participating business to receive a Sweet Treat. There were no street closings requested, but the restrooms on Madison Street Plaza are to be open. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the event and to use of the restrooms for the Main Street Sweet Treat Tour event. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed with Coshow abstaining.

The third event form received was from Fritz Bultemeyer of the American Legion Adams Post #43 for its Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 31, 2021. Street closings included Jackson Street at US Highway 224 East to 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to Court St., to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Jefferson to Madison St. at various times through the event which will start at 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Dyer made a motion to approve the event and street closings for the American Legion's Memorial Day Ceremonies. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

#### Department Heads Input:

On behalf of Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, Mayor Rickord announced that Code Enforcement is out and monitoring weeds, grass, and other vegetation.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted they are picking up yard waste on the same days as trash collection.

Mayor Rickord encouraged people to watch for flyers coming out for the Grand Opening of the REV Sports Complex at Hanna Nuttman on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Several events are planned for the day and included are boys' baseball and girls' softball participation, a pickle ball competition for men and women, food, and so forth. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted donations are still needed and pavers and shirts will be available on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. Gilbert reported that most of the sidewalks will be completed for the Grand Opening. Gilbert complimented the City workforce for doing a wonderful job and he is proud of what they have done, and also thanked donors, and the local contractors who donated time and materials. The biggest things left to be worked on are the parking lot and some lighting which would cost nearly \$1 million. Gilbert and Mayor Rickord are working together to make certain they have a complete list of donors who contributed towards the project. Mayor Rickord also thanked all the donors and the employees.

Chief of Police, Lennie Corral shared that his department will be participating in the Medication Take Back event from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Chief Corral also announced that the police department will be receiving funding to purchase flashlights and t-shirts.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager announced that loading of mulch at the compost site will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday's.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor noted the new Water Plant on Winchester Street will likely be pumping by the end of the month.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager reported that the new sewage vac truck should be here at the end of the week.

#### Council Input:

Coshow noted that Decatur Main Street has sent out a survey of five (5) questions and he encouraged people to complete the survey, which is on the Decatur Chamber of Commerce's website and Facebook page.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims. Seconded by Murray, 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 8:02 P.M.