

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2020

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 6:26 p.m. via conference call due to COVID-19. The meeting was called to order by Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen 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.

A notice was posted and the public and media were invited to attend the conference call.

Other individuals present for the conference call were: Chief of Police Lennie Corral, Fire Chief Les Marckel, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Hitchcock, Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert, Wastewater Superintendent Karey Fuelling, Building and Zoning Superintendent Curt Witte, Civil Infrastructure Manager Don Bergdall, Rob Weaver of WZBD Radio, Bob Shraluka of the Decatur Daily Democrat, Barb Engle Part-time Deputy-Clerk-Treasurer, and Anne Razo.

The Mayor invited everyone able to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 7, 2020 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Murray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent received a directive from IDEM to amend the City Code of Ordinances. The City Attorney prepared Ordinance 2020-6, which amends Chapter 54, Section 54.033 (A) of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 for the purpose of eliminating reference to a 24 composite sample and reference to a 1.5 multiplier used to calculate maximum permissible levels of certain pollutants in wastewater discharges. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2020-6 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2020-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-6 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was taken and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2020-6 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2020-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2020-6 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2020-6 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2020-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and passed with a 5-0 vote. City Attorney, Tim Baker asked Council Members to stop by Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright's office to sign the ordinance or print a copy, sign it, and drop it in the box located behind City Hall if they did not want to enter the building.

Wastewater Superintendent Karey Fuelling reported that flow meters were installed in March, by mid-summer should have results.

Events forms were next to be considered. The first event was for the use of Madison Street Plaza for a wedding on September 26, 2020. The area would be used from 8 a.m. for set up with the wedding using it from 4-11 p.m. which included tear down. There would be approximately 175 people and they would need the use of the restrooms, and electricity. There will be a DJ and they are checking if there is a need for the sound system. Dyer made a motion to approve the event for the

wedding on September 26, 2020. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. Dyer then made a motion that the approval was contingent upon any emergency ordinances in effect at that time. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The second event was for a class reunion to be held on October 10, 2020 on Madison Street Plaza. The event is scheduled for approximately 75 people and will be held from 5-10 p.m. Restrooms, electricity, and the sound system are requested. Coshow made a motion to approve the event on the plaza for the class reunion on October 10, 2020, with the stipulation that it is contingent upon any emergency ordinances in effect. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The Local Roads and Bridges Matching Grant agreement with INDOT for the Community Crossings Matching Grant for 2020 had been approved by the Board of Public Works & Safety, and now presented before the Council for action since the City needs to provide 25% (\$203,023.51) matching funds. Dyer made a motion to approve the funding of 25% matching funds to be paid from the MVH-Street Fund and the Rainy Day Fund. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, noted he had a list of the streets which would be re-paved and will forward the list of street to the Council members.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that Colyn Torson has passed PERF testing, next will schedule a date to swear him in as a Police Patrolman. Corral also mentioned that the Police Department now has three new vehicles, which allows three of the Sergeants to take home cars.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted that yard waste collection started this week with the same rules as in past years. He noted that heavy trash pickup had been postponed and that the street sweeper would be used a couple days each week.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent informed the Council members that she had posted two (2) positions, a full-time Wastewater Operator, and a part-time lab technician/janitor for the Wastewater Department with the applications deadline of May 4, 2020.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager has been doing some sewer separation work and worked on the parking lot behind Zion Church. Plans are to do some sewer cleaning using the camera next week. He noted NIPSCO has hired a company to do some boring in the area.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel announced a recognition parade to be held Thursday evening to parade around Adams Memorial Hospital and Woodcrest. The event is being organized by Tony Stimpson and will include fire departments from throughout the county, the Sheriff's department, and the Decatur City Police. The parade is to emphasize the solidarity of all the first responders and the medical staffs. Marckel shared the department has sufficient PPE's so far with the N95's being the one area of possible need if the virus continues for a lengthy time.

Fire Chief Marckel thanked the assistance of City Attorney Tim Baker in getting the contract with ESO for fire reporting software expedited, Fire Marshal/Asst. Bldg. Supt., Tony Lothridge was making great progress and is within a couple of months of being able to file the inspections as he is nearly ready to transfer the data and go on-line.

Jim Hitchcock, Assistant Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department is getting ready to put the flags on the light poles. He noted they would like to place some military flags along 1st Street near the American Legion.

City Attorney, Tim Baker mentioned that the water revenue bonds were purchased with a rather low interest rate, which is slightly over 2%, closing on the bonds will be on April 23, 2020.

Mayor Rickord noted he wished to thank all the medical personnel, all those at the hospital, the police, and fire for all their work. He also thanked the residents as they have listened to the guidelines which is evident by the number of where the City and County are.

Sirk asked Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager if the City had places to store gasoline with the lower prices and learned that storage is not available.

Murray inquired if any discussions were being held regarding the early weeks of the Concert Series and for the Sculpture Tour. It was noted that Coshow was working on some things for the Concert Series and that the Sculpture Tour was postponed until August. Coshow is also looking at the Farmers Market which is scheduled to begin May 7, 2020.

In answer to a question from Bob Shraluka of the Decatur Daily Democrat, Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent shared that a date had been scheduled for an open house at The HIVE for contractors but due to COVID-19 pandemic that was cancelled and contractors called to set up appointments to look at the area in order to place quotes.

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 Sirk, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 7:02 P.M.