

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 1, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 1, 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 17, 2018 meeting. There being no corrections, Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item of business was a motion by Fullenkamp to make a matter of record the Warranty Deed for the tract of land the City deeded to the Department of Water Works on County Road 600 North for the new Water Plant. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. As a result of the transfer of land, Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, will file a petition for annexing the land into the City, which will require a Public Hearing. Sirk made a motion to authorize the publication for a public hearing to be held on June 5, 2018. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

CF-1 Abatement forms for real estate and personal property had been received from Gilpin, Inc. Their estimated number of employees was 24 and they are at 26, and the estimated salaries are at \$762,000 and they are at \$790,000. Dyer made a motion to accept the CF-1 Abatement for Gilpin, Inc. since they are in substantial compliance. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed.

The CF-1 Abatement form for REV Recreation Group, Inc. for personal property was next to be considered. They had estimated 625 additional employees, actual is 1,131 with the salaries for the additional employees was estimated at \$26,000,000 and are at \$45,938,561. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the CF-1 Abatement for REV Recreation Group which shows they are in substantial compliance. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed.

Four event forms were considered with all including flexibility in case Madison Street Plaza is not completed. The first form was for the DeKegger Homebrew and BBQ Fest event to be held on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the DeKegger Event. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Coshow abstaining.

The second event form considered was the Decatur Farmer's Market to begin Thursday, May 17, 2018 and continue through October. The Market will begin at the Chamber Parking lot and move to Madison Street Plaza when it is completed. Dyer made a motion to accept the Farmer's Market Event. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Coshow abstaining.

The third event form was presented by Connie Mayer on behalf of the Decatur Sculpture Tour Committee. The event is sponsored by the Decatur Sculpture Tour and the North Adams Arts Council and will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018. The request included the use of the new restrooms if the Madison Street Plaza is completed. Dyer made a motion to accept the Decatur Sculpture Tour Event. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Following the acceptance of the event a motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Murray to contribute \$1,500 from the Common Council promotional budget towards the event. The motion was adopted.

The fourth event form was presented on behalf of the Chamber and their plans for Kekionga Days, August 15-19, 2018. Events such as the church service, education day, motor sports festival, the encampment and a German Fest event will be held at various sites in the City. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright requested permission to change vendors from First Response to Brateman's for the police departments encumbered funds if State Board of Accounts approves. Sirk made a motion to give permission for the change in vendors. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

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.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared the need to have an ordinance to allow elected officials and employees to accept various limited gifts from vendors. Thus, Ordinance 2018-10, an ordinance to provide guidelines for gifts received from vendors, was brought forward. The ordinance prohibits the solicitation of gifts for personal pecuniary benefit, and limits gifts which may be made to City elected officials and employees and establishes other gifting which is permissible. An elected official or employee may accept a gift as long as the annual aggregate value is no more than \$100.00. Awards and plaques can be accepted as long as the value is \$75.00 or less. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-10 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2018-10 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-10 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call vote showed passage with at 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-10 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion carried and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-10 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-10 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call vote showed passage with at 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2018-10 for third reading until the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2018. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer announced the Mersey Beatles Concert is on May 6, 2018 with tickets being available at the door for \$15 for cash only.

The Mayor also announced that the Hanna-Nuttman Fundraiser has been placed on Facebook and Instagram.

The Mayor shared that the North Adams Baseball is kicking off on May 5, 2018 and all games will be played at Monmouth since concessions and restrooms are close to the diamond in Hanna Nuttman.

Mayor Meyer shared the INDOT project for paving and ADA sidewalks on Monroe Street is one of 8 projects being completed by the same contractor. All projects are to be completed by October 31, 2018. Some work has begun with some corners being removed along Monroe Street.

Department Heads:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager reported on several things. Items included all parks being open with water on in each, work to begin on the pool next week, having 100 trees to be planted, starting work on First Street on May 7, 2018, Madison Street Plaza going well with pavers being laid and about two weeks of concrete work. A list of possible paving areas was presented with the thought some may not be completed this summer, and working with Bunge regarding railroad crossings that need work. Gilbert shared they are taking a look at areas before paving as too often paving has occurred then water mains break and that means tearing up new pavement. Gilbert also shared that May 21, 2018 is the date scheduled for milling for as many street as funds will allow, the

Madison Street Plaza restrooms are nearly finished, the demolition of the 5th of 6 homes in the flood mitigation purchases, the building at the northwest corner of First and Monroe Streets has been taken down, and he will be working with Eagle Scout, Emerson Brown on the placement of signs in the Nature Preserve. Gilbert thanked all employees for their work on the various projects. Options are being discussed regarding the wall left from the demolition of the building at the northwest corner of Monroe and First Street. And, the old Redman's Lodge building on Winchester Street will be demolished perhaps in the next three weeks.

Les Marckel, Fire Chief, noted that with new weather apps being red-flagged, many area residents were concerned, especially since the tornado sirens were tested the same day. The flagged items were warnings for people not to burn as there were dangerous conditions for ground fires.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor shared that the new software is in and bills will look somewhat different. He noted things are going well with the transfer.

Council Input:

Dyer asked Fire Chief Marckel about "Baby Boxes" and was told legislation is in progress. Marckel shared the Department has a "Baby Safe Haven" policy in process and all know what to do if a baby is dropped off. Councilman Dyer also asked who decides the design of the new ball fields in Hanna Nuttman Park. Dyer was informed that the City Park Board makes the decision.

Coshow shared he had taken ten (10) people through the Adams County Historical Museum's Escape Room Event and encouraged others to participate.

Sirk complimented the members of the Police and Fire Departments on the flag display in front of their buildings, and the landscaping that had been done.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Murray the motion was adopted. Fullenkamp abstained.

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

Adjournment was at 8:47 P.M.