

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 4, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 7:35 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. 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.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Ordinance 2021-7, an ordinance to establish the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and which identifies permitted uses of the ARP funds. There were no comments, so Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-7 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-7 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-7 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-7 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2021-7 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2021-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-7 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and Ordinance 2021-7 passed with a 5-0 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright brought forth Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 forms) for various businesses with tax abatements.

The first Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 form) for continued tax abatement was from Hoosier Pattern with three (3) abatements for years 2013 for personal property, 2018 for personal property and real estate, and 2019 for personal property and real estate. Clerk-Treasurer shared that Hoosier Pattern was in substantial compliance and Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the CF-1 forms submitted by Hoosier Pattern who is in substantial compliance. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

ABCinema was the next Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 form) to be presented. The abatements are for 2017 and 2020 for personal property and real estate. Clerk-Treasurer Whitright shared they were in substantial compliance. Dyer made a motion to approve the CF-1 forms submitted by ABCinema which is in substantial compliance. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Knous Enterprises LLC (P&B Trucking) was the third business seeking continuation of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 form) for real property only. The original date for the tax abatement was in 2012. Whitright noted Knous Enterprises was in substantial compliance. Coshow made a motion to approve the CF-1 form submitted by Knous Enterprises who is in substantial compliance. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The next business seeking continuation of the Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 form) was Gilpin Products, LLC and J.K. Morris Holdings, LLC regarding real and personal property. Clerk-Treasurer Whitright shared the CF-1 form showed employee numbers were down but Gilpin's representative noted in an email that it was due to COVID-19 and they had been unable to fill some positions. They are interviewing to hire this spring. Dyer made a motion to approve the CF-1 forms submitted by Gilpin & J.K. Morris Holdings which is in substantial compliance. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The last abatement continuation was for REV Recreation Group, Inc. Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright shared that REV thought their 2009 abatement had expired and did not complete the CF-1 form, and asked for more time to complete the paperwork, and there were some questions on the paperwork for the abatements for the year 2019. Sirk made a motion to allow the Clerk-Treasurer to review the Compliance with Statement Benefits (CF-1 forms) from REV when they are completed and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign them if the forms are in substantial compliance. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was Resolution 2021-4, a resolution authorizing the transfer of dormant funds to the City of Decatur's General Fund. Six funds were included in the transfer as follows: Fund 243-Fire Training Infra. Grant \$117.11; Fund 257-LOIT Special Dist. \$0.41; Fund 267-Police DARE Fund \$34.68; Fund 331-Fire Assistant Grant \$3,786.91; Fund 332-Fire Asst. Grant #2 \$88.00; and Fund 739-Payroll P&F PERF \$4,461.35. The total funds to be transferred is \$8,488.46. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2021-4 by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Resolution 2021-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-4. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2021-8, an ordinance to amend the Salary Ordinance No. 2020-12 to remove the position of Director of Community Development and add a position of a Community Coordinator for a bi-weekly pay of not more than \$1,884.62 was brought forth. There were no comments received so Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-8 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-8 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-8 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-8 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2021-8 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Ordinance 2021-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-8 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and Ordinance 2021-8 passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Rickord shared that he has received several applications for the newly-named position.

Mayor Rickord announced the Grand Opening events for the REV Sports Complex at Hanna Nuttman Park is this Saturday with several events scheduled for all ages throughout the day.

An event form was received from Decatur Lighthouse Church for a Comedy Night with Tony Wolf event on Madison Street Plaza on Friday, July 30, 2021. The event will be held from 6:30-8:30 P.M. Since the event is open to the public, Dyer made a motion to approve the event from Decatur Lighthouse Church and waive the fees. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Lennie Corral announced that Officer Nunez has completed his training.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that the Board of Public Works and Safety had approved the final payment and retainage for Brooks Construction for the Community Crossing Matching Grant earlier this evening. He also shared that the City did not receive funding for this current round of funding but application would be made again in July. Gilbert noted the REV Sports Complex Grand Opening on Saturday has had a great deal of assistance from City employees and various groups throughout the City.

Bill Carpenter, Assistant Water Superintendent reported that the new water plant on Winchester Street has started pumping today.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager shared that the new VAC truck is here and in service today.

Tim Baker, City Attorney noted he would try to get a handle on new legislation noting there had been a lot of bills passed and not all of them were good for the City.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright noted it is time to start working on the 2022 budgets, and DLGF is wanting budgets adopted sooner.

Mayor Rickord noted that with the ARP Fund there were no solid guidelines yet. It may be necessary in the future to have a special meeting to get a plan in place.

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 8:05 P.M.