

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 16, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 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 were 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 May 2, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item to be considered was the Tax Abatement for P&B Trucking (Knous Enterprises, LLC). Their attorney, John Coldren, appeared before the Council along with a representative from P&B Trucking. It was noted they had constructed a new warehouse and had a difficult time in finding drivers. Also, the additional warehouse created new situations. They have retained employees and the building is now providing tax income. Attorney Coldren referenced I.C. 6-1.1-12.1-5.9, which for P&B Trucking to substantially comply was caused by factors beyond their control. After discussion, a motion was made by Coshow to approve the abatement by checking the "other box" on the CF-1/Real Estate form and noting the reason for the determination was for P&B Trucking to substantially comply was due to circumstances beyond their control. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted.

Kevin McCrory of JPR gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Madison and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Plaza Project. To date, the design is 90% complete. The Decatur Main Street Design Committee members, Max Miller, Sandy Collier, and Tony Murray were also in attendance. McCrory noted the street could be open or closed as needed. The design would include pavers and concrete walkways, and no curbs. He shared that Madison Street Plaza could be a gateway for the Riverfront Development. He noted that the only immovable items would be the trees and the lights. The street lighting would serve multiple functions--lighting, flags, speakers, and so forth. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared he had visited 8 communities and was pleased with all of them. Having discussed the project at the previous meeting and having to delay the project due to shortage of funds. The Mayor commented that the Clerk-Treasurer had informed him that the Common Council had previously committed \$130,000, plus \$50,000 of in-kind match to be set aside for a Regional Cities funding project, which included Madison Street. Since the Regional Cities monies will no longer be sought, these funds budgeted can now be used towards the Madison and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Plaza project. Mayor Meyer noted he had talked with Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert and the Utilities Director, Dan Rickord, and both were comfortable in doing the project earlier than considered. A motion to go ahead with the project was made by Coshow, seconded by Dyer, and passed. The suggested timelines are to have bids to go out on May 30, 2017 with them being received on June 22, 2017. It is assumed work can be done July through November with completion in March or April, 2018. Thus, it would give the contractors

plenty of time to be completed for the 2018 festivals. As part of the discussion it was shared that the possible date for completion of the demolition of the Schafer building would be August 15, 2017. For the first meeting in June, the City Attorney will make the necessary changes to the loan agreement with Biggs, Inc. for the demolition of the Schafer building to coordinate with the Madison and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Plaza project. By consensus, the Director of Community Development, Melissa Norby was authorized to proceed with the Patronicity funding for the Madison and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Plaza Project.

Stacy Summer and Trevor Hobbs representing the Connect To Careers and Adams County Economic Development Corporation appeared to receive approval to reallocate a portion of the previously committed funds of the two remaining quarterly payments, each \$12,500 from the City to Connect To Careers over to Adams County Economic Development Corporation for purposes of performing workforce development within and throughout Adams County. This was brought before Council in order to comply with the transparency needed for the State Board of Accounts. The funds are to be used in three areas: 1) Train workers we have to fill more sophisticated positions, 2) Workforce recognition to attract people to come to Adams County to live and work, and 3) Retention--keeping the youth we have. Resolution 2017-7 was then presented. Collier made a motion to introduce Resolution 2017-7 by short title only. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. Resolution 2017-7 was read by short title only by City Attorney Tim Baker. Collier made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-7. Seconded by Sirk the motion passed with Coshow recusing himself from the voice vote.

Trevor Hobbs also handed out a job description for a Workforce Development Program Director, plans are to fill the vacated position by next month. Anyone interested can contact him at the Adams County Economic Development Corporation.

Event forms were then considered.

1. In conjunction with the June 11, 2017, ABATE of Indiana's Mayor's Ride, ED'z H-D Motorcycle Service & Repair asked to have First Street from Monroe to Jackson Streets closed to celebrate a 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House. A motion to accept the event form was made by Sirk, seconded by Coshow, and adopted. The event form was presented by Police Chief Greg Cook on behalf of ED'z H-D Motorcycle Service & Repair.

2. Melissa Norby asked on behalf of Winning with Wellness of Adams County to have a portion of the alley between Sherwin Williams and First Response closed to be used as a pedestrian alley for the Sculpture Tour event from 7:00 a.m. Friday, June 9 to noon on Sunday, June 11th. A motion to accept the event form was made by Sirk, seconded by Coshow and adopted.

3. Craig Coshow, representing the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, sought approval of a Beer Garden for the six (6) scheduled Summer Concert Series. The Beer Garden would be located in the alley north of Madison Street between Second and Third Streets from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A motion to approve was made by Dyer, seconded by Collier, and adopted.

4. The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Armed Forces Day Event representative, Chris Johnson of The Wet Spot asked for the closing of the alley between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Jackson to half the alley before Monroe Street. On May 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 10:00 p.m. A motion to accept the event form was made by Dyer, seconded by Coshow, and adopted.

The legal notice regarding the additional appropriations was made a matter record via a motion by Sirk, seconded by Collier, and adopted.

Resolution 2017-5, a resolution to approve \$125,000 of additional appropriations to the CEDIT fund for the demolition of the former Schafer building was considered. A motion to introduce Resolution 2017-5 by short title only was made by Collier, seconded by Sirk, and passed. Resolution 2017-5 was read by short title only by City Attorney, Tim Baker. Collier made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-5. Seconded by Dyer, Resolution 2017-5 was adopted.

Ordinance 2017-4, an ordinance amending Ordinance 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan, to increase Capital Improvements Projects \$125,000 and include environmental remediation projects, streetscape projects and issuance of revolving loans to developers was considered. Collier made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-4 on its third and final reading by short title only. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed. Ordinance 2017-4 was read by short title only. Collier made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-4 on third and final reading. Seconded by Sirk the Ordinance passed with a 5-0 roll call vote.

Ordinance 2017-5, an ordinance to re-establish the Cumulative Capital Development rate, was then considered. Collier made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-5 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Sirk the motion passed. Ordinance 2017-5 was read by short title only. Collier made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-5 on its first reading. Sirk seconded the motion which passed by a 5-0 roll call vote. Collier made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-5 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Sirk, the motion carried. Ordinance 2017-5 was read by short title only. Collier made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-5 on its second reading. Seconded by Sirk, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Collier made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-5 for its third and final reading until June 6, 2017 following a public hearing on same. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to give the Department Heads a figure of 2% in wages to use for the proposed 2018 budgets. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer shared he had received a letter from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce seeking sponsorship funds for the Kekionga Festival to be held August 16-20, 2017. The item was delayed for any action until the June 6, 2017 meeting to have the opportunity to check the amount that was contributed in 2016 for the Festival.

Collier made a motion to introduce Resolution 2017-6 in its entirety. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was carried. City Attorney, Tim Baker then read the Resolution recognizing Roger Gage, Building & Zoning Supt., who is retiring at the end of May. Following the reading, a motion was made by Collier to adopt Resolution 2017-6. Seconded by Sirk, the Resolution was adopted.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer introduced Scott Murray who has been selected to serve as a replacement while Councilman Collier is serving in the United States Navy.

Mayor Meyer shared that the Storm Sewer Project has been completed on Master Drive. Phase 2 will be the Water Main Replacement with bids to be opened on May 30, 2017. Once the Water Main Project is completed there will be new curbs and lighting, and the entire street will be repaved. Mayor Meyer thanked the residents for their patience.

Department Heads:

Curt Witte, Department of Building/Zoning, submitted recommendation for council to consider to revise the current City Code Chapter 93.07 for sidewalk construction material and trench footing reinforcement for new sidewalks. Witte also thanked Roger Gage for all his help as he is now starting his new position.

All shared their appreciation for Roger Gage and wished him well in his retirement.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims against the city. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

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 9:21 P.M.