

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 18, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:50 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 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 May 4, 2021 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce requesting the City to sponsor a planter located in front of City Hall at a cost of \$110. Dyer made a motion to approve the sponsorship of a planter at \$110. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

Resolution 2021-5, a resolution to establish a cash change fund for the concessions at the REV Sports Complex was brought forward. Operations Manager/Supt., Jeremy Gilbert will be the custodian of the funds in the amount of \$200.00. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2021-5 by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Resolution 2021-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Resolution 2021-5. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord announced that Officer Kevin Gerber had used the drone to show the crowd at the Grand Opening at the REV Sports Complex on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Mayor Rickord thanked all who had helped out that weekend, noting City employees had gone above and beyond. It was shared that all the field sponsors had showed up for the event. Mayor Rickord had neglected to thank Terry Myers on Saturday as Mr. Myers had paid local artist, Darlene Vassil to paint two (2) murals for the concession stands. It was mentioned that Columbia City's OnTurf Sports had used the facility the weekend of May 15, 2021 and Mayor Rickord had attended the event and heard nothing but good about the new facility. Councilman Dyer noted signage would likely help to keep people from parking on the grass while Sirk noted once the parking lots are paved that they can be striped and signage added. The pavement is likely to be the next area to be completed as funds are gained.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright noted she had received information from the State that the City will be receiving a Supplement from Local Income Tax (LIT) totaling \$184,894.00 before June 1st. She also reported that she received the 2021 Circuit Breaker report from the State which showed the City's tax caps loss to be \$381,371.33, which is \$59,671.33 more than what was estimated in the 2021 budget.

Mayor Rickord noted he and Clerk-Treasurer Whitright will continue to attend meetings and bring back information regarding the ARP money. Both shared that they had found everyone urging not to rush as guidelines are still coming. A special meeting is likely to work on the City's plan.

Council Input:

Murray commented that the residents of Decatur are fortunate to have City trash collection as he witnessed the issues arising again in Fort Wayne with their outside group.

Coshow shared that Mandy Lengerich from Adams County Cares had provided him some stickers to post in recognition of May being Mental Awareness Month.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims. Seconded by Sirk, 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 8:10 P.M.