

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 21, 2019

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 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 Cam Collier, Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present was 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 7, 2019 meeting. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was John August, EMA Director, to talk about the tornado siren located in Hanna Nuttman Park. The siren would need to be taken down, the pole removed, and both would be relocated. August received a quote from Rorick Electric to do the work for \$5,800, and the Adams County Commissioners will pay 1/3 of the cost, or \$1,934, leaving \$3,866 to be paid by the City. Sirk made a motion to pay \$3,866 for the removal and reinstallation of the pole and siren in the Hanna Nuttman Park. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. The cost will be paid as part of the Hanna Nuttman Project. August will work with Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert in order to keep the siren working as long as possible.

The next item to be considered was the streetscape proposal for one block of N. Second Street as proposed at the May 7, 2019 meeting. Mayor Meyer shared that Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert had done a lot of work reviewing the proposal. It was estimated the work could be done for \$184,400 for ten (10) light poles, labor to remove the green poles, electric work, sidewalk work, trees, and grates. Funding is available with \$30,000 from the remaining funds from the Capital Campaign at ACCF, \$100,000 in the 2019 budget, and \$60,000 from the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Thus, \$190,000 would be available. Sirk made a motion to proceed with the one block of N. Second Street streetscape proposal as presented by the Decatur Main Street Design Committee at an estimated cost of \$184,400. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held with Dyer, Collier, and Sirk voting yes and Fullenkamp and Coshow voting no. Thus, the motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Mayor Meyer shared that a year ago the rules had been adopted regarding the use of the Madison Street Plaza. Now that the sound system has been installed, new rules need to be adopted regarding its use. He shared the system is easy to operate and that he was not seeking a decision this evening, but wanted to have the Council members begin thinking of a possible solution.

Mayor Meyer also noted the Decatur Chamber of Commerce owns the monitor they are having installed at the Madison Street Plaza and the Chamber will be putting together rules for its use.

Collier handed out contract details for the new position of a Director for the Creative Engagement Center. He brought up the hiring of Brielle Adams to look over the first floor of the Second Street Lofts which is owned by the City. He shared that Ms. Adams will begin work on June 1, 2019 and she is to report to Mayor Meyer. Collier shared there are additional resources needed to make sure she can be successful. He mentioned the need for a City email address. The cost for a City email is approximately \$440 per year. Also needed is a specific phone number or phone line

and office space. Adams may use her personal laptop to begin with, or the City may have an extra laptop available. Coshow made a motion to accept the proposal of a City email, a land line phone that could forward to her cell, the use of space in City Hall, and up to \$500 for office expenses which would be done via reimbursement of her expenses through claim process. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer noted they need to come up with a name for the first floor at the Second Street Lofts.

Scott Marbach of the Union Township Lions Club shared the members would be selling ice cream during the Thursday Night Concerts Series. The sales would feature one of the Club's projects each evening. The first concert profits would go to the Adams/Wells Crisis Center. Also, the total sales from the June 29, 2019 concert would go to the Hanna Nuttman Patronicity Project and the total sales from the July 4, 2019 concert would go to the 2020 Fireworks. Mayor Meyer thanked Marbach and the Union Township Lions Club for their special fund raisers.

As a result of HB 1347 passing the Indiana General Assembly, the Board of Works members recommended that Council take action to amend Chapter 50 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015. Thus, Ordinance 2019-5, was presented, which amends Chapter 50 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 regarding utility customer accounts. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish that both an owner of property and an authorized occupant of property, other than the owner, are considered Customers of the City if the billing records of the City reflect that the owner and the authorized occupant are jointly and severally liable for City services which may be invoiced to the occupant at the request of the owner. No public comments were made, so Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-5 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-5 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-5 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-5 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, the roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-5 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-5 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-5 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Coshow, the roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-5 had been adopted. Mayor Meyer noted he wanted to give the City administration credit for being proactive on the tenant and landowner issue and shared the City was ahead of other communities and is being used as a model by AIM.

Mayor Meyer reported he was grateful to Rod Renkenberger from Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC) for all his help to the City for the buyout grants to be received for the flood homes and the Evergreen Assisted Living. Also, thanks to Sen. Banks for his assistance.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported that the firemen's water ball court will be moved from Hanna Nuttman Park to the Evergreen Assisted Living parking lot. They will use the Kekionga pond for their water supply.

Department Head Input:

Fire Chief Marckel reported the Fire Department's 20th Annual Golf Outing had been held last Saturday with a scholarship going to support the Hoosier Burn Camp. This year part of the funds totaling \$3,025 will be given to the Hanna Nuttman Ball Park Project from the Decatur

Volunteer Firemen. Marckel also shared that the sirens are not the only way people can be warned of emergencies and he encouraged people to go to the website and sign up for the Adams County Emergency Plan.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral reported that Nathan Hunter and Dan McGill had passed the test required before attending the Police Academy.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager has been working with INDOT regarding the Community Crossings Matching Grant and with the 2019 budget for street paving. He noted there will likely be a late June start date for the work. Gilbert handed out a list of the 18 streets that were awarded the Community Crossings Matching Grant and also the eight (8) streets to be paved with MVH Funds in the 2019 budget. Gilbert gave the total cost of both packages is \$891,191 with INDOT paying \$488,087.40, the City portion of the Community Crossings Matching Grant is \$162,695.80, and MVH monies totaling \$240,408. Gilbert shared there is normally about \$200,000 spent per year for repaving.

Gilbert reported the work on the Legion Park restrooms has been delayed because of the weather. He distributed a written report regarding six (6) areas of work including the Legion Park restrooms, the 1st and Monroe Street Wall Project to begin middle of next week, mowing and park maintenance, swimming pool to open on Saturday, paving project to begin in approximately one month, and has had meetings with Bunge regarding the railroad crossings at 2nd Street and also Washington Street. Bunge is looking at making long term repairs, but the City may need to assist in making some temporary repairs in the meantime.

Mayor Meyer shared that Bunge made a donation of \$50,000 for a field name in the Hanna Nuttman Ball Park. Thus, the contributions are just about \$650,000 and with the Bunge contribution four (4) of the six (6) fields have been named. With the Patronicity Project coming up, it is anticipated the funding will total \$750,000 to \$800,000. Mayor Meyer announced the first Mayor's Golf Outing will be held June 28, 2019 and that invitations have been sent to vendors and emailed to Chamber members. The hope is to have 36 teams.

Council Input:

Collier handed out to the other Council members the City's projects list from 2015, and recommended that they review the task list.

Coshow complimented Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager and his staff for the nice job being done by using the sewer camera and making necessary repairs. Thus, having a proactive approach. He also thank Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent for her support.

Public Input:

Bob Shraluka asked if anything can be done about the train whistles. Mayor Meyer noted he would talk to Bunge officials.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Fullenkamp, 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 8:56 P.M.