

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:08 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, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance and Matt Dyer and Tyler Fullenkamp were absent. 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 18, 2021 meeting. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

First on the agenda was an event form from EDZ HD Motorcycle Service & Repair as they sought permission to close part of First Street from the Alley to Jackson Street from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Sunday, June 06, 2021 during the ABATE Mayor's ride event. Sirk made a motion to approve the street closing during the event. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC). Renkenberger had discovered errors in the Koos Ditch flood map near Bellmont High School on US Highway 224 east. Renkenberger noted that MRBC is a FEMA Technical Partner when flood map errors are found. \$12,000-\$15,000 will be funded by IDNR for the hydraulic portion, which elevation could be off 1-2 feet. Once modeling is completed there will be in a flood map specialized survey of cross sections. Renkenberger noted the cost for the proposal to collect field cross-section data on the Koos Ditch is \$6,200 and he is seeking assistance from the City for half of the cost of \$3,100. Renkenberger, as the MRBC Director will talk with any individual homeowners to keep them informed of the work to be done in their area. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the project with the City paying \$3,100 and authorizing Mayor Rickord to sign any paperwork. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Tim Baker brought forth two (2) possible areas for Council's action if they desire. The first area was a question by Mayor Rickord regarding the starting time for Common Council meetings. Since COVID-19 the Council meetings have started following the adjournment of the Board of Public Works and Safety meetings, which has worked well in not having extra time between meetings if the Board meeting ended early and the Council did not meet until 7:30 P.M. Attorney Baker noted that Section 31.03 of the Code could be changed to allow for starting the Council meeting 5 or 10 minutes following the adjournment of the Board of Public Works and Safety rather than at a set time of 7:30 P.M. It was suggested that the Council meetings could begin at 6:30 P.M. or 6:45 P.M. or 5 or 10 minutes after the adjournment of the Board of Works meeting, which ever came later would give some flexibility. Public Hearings could still be set for a specific time. Murray suggested using ten (10) minutes following the adjournment of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. By consensus, City Attorney will draft the necessary ordinance for the June 15, 2021 Council meeting.

Secondly, City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that legislation has been adopted and would take effect on July 1, 2021 regarding virtual meetings. AIM has provided a template to use for adoption of a resolution regarding specifics for electronic meetings including such things as the number of meetings one could miss if attending via the electronic method, the number of members who must be

present physically, and so forth. By consensus, City Attorney will draft the appropriate resolution for the June 15, 2021 council meeting.

Mayor Rickord reported that he had met with the Department Heads this morning and asked them to begin coming up with a projects list. Mayor Rickord proposed hiring a financial firm and an engineering firm to assist in a study since there are a lot of funding and grants available, and doesn't want to overlook any funding opportunities. By consensus the Department Heads felt it was a good idea to get assistance in looking to future needs. Sirk made a motion to allow Mayor Rickord to look into the possibility of hiring a financial firm and an engineer firm to assist the City. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The final item on the agenda was an event form brought forward for fireworks to be held in the Homestead Addition at dark on July 2, 2021. Proper insurance forms will be filed when they are received. Permission was sought to block off the stoned pathway in the Homestead Addition. Coshow made a motion to approve the July 2, 2021 fireworks event at Homestead Addition. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

#### Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that Officers Alex Smith and Gabe Schwaller had passed the appropriate physicals and would be going to the Academy following July 4, 2021. He also shared that a lot of vehicles had been broken into and urged people to lock their vehicles and not leave valuables in their vehicles.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager mentioned the several clean-up projects going on, street sweeping, curb painting, and yard waste collection. Gilbert also noted children are out of school and cautioned people to watch out for them. He and Mayor Rickord have been out at REV Sports Complex and there is a lot of action out there.

Bill Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent of the Water Department noted both water plants are up and working and that people need to be aware if a little rusty water is in some areas.

James Hitchcock, Assistant Fire Chief announced that the aerial truck would not be available for the golf ball drop as it is being repaired. Assistant Chief Hitchcock also noted the flags have been put up and he thanked Councilmen Coshow and Sirk for helping this year.

#### Council Input:

Coshow announced that the Summer Concert Series will begin Thursday evening on Madison Street Plaza, and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held on Friday.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 7:44 P.M.