

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2019

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 4, 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 21, 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 a request by Building & Zoning Supt., Curt Witte to revise the City's current Code for type and materials used for sidewalks, as well as provisions for enforcement of non-compliance. Witte is requesting sidewalks to be 5 inches thick, and ½ inch rebar be used. The City Attorney prepared Ordinance No. 2019-6, which amends Section 93.27 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 to establish sidewalk construction and material requirements. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-6 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was carried, and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-6 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-6 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-6 on its second reading. Seconded by Collier, the roll call vote was held and showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-6 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-6 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-6 has been adopted.

Mayor Meyer recognized Deputy Police Chief, Mike Mahan and noted that he was attending his last meeting of the City Council as a Deputy Chief as he would be retiring on June 14, 2019. It was shared that Mahan had served with the Allen County Sheriff's Department from 1982-1988 and that Mahan began his work on the Decatur Police Department in 1988.

Deputy Police Chief, Mike Mahan than spoke and noted it was nice to grow up in the smaller community of Decatur. He shared the officers, especially those on the third shift, kept a close watch on the City. He noted he feels he is leaving behind one of the best departments and that it has been an honor to work on the Decatur Police Department.

Mayor Meyer noted Mahan has worked his way through the ranks from Patrolman to Deputy Chief, and that all the officers have great respect for Deputy Chief Mahan.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral shared that Deputy Chief Mahan was a "Cop's Cop" and he had learned a great deal from him. It had been a pleasure to work with Mike Mahan who was willing to do the "grunt" work. Corral noted he would not have been able to accomplish what he has the past couple of years without the assistance and direction of Deputy Chief Mahan.

Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2019-2 to be read in its entirety. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was passed. City Attorney, Tim Baker read Resolution 2019-2 in recognition of Deputy Chief Mike Mahan regarding his years of service on the Decatur Police Department and his retirement on June 14, 2019. Following the reading of the resolution, Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-2. Seconded by Coshow, the resolution was adopted.

Everyone congratulated Deputy Police Chief Mahan and thanked him for his years serving on the Decatur Police Force.

Mayor Meyer reported he had received numerous calls from homeowners regarding the status of the buyout of homes from the recent FEMA grant. The City has not received the agreement with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security as of yet, but did give permission for the City to proceed with title searches and appraisals for those homes and also the Evergreen Assisted Living facility, which was included in the funding.

Mayor Meyer noted that Councilman Dyer would be presenting the Mayor's Proclamation at the event honoring John Lingenfelter on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to be held at the Lingenfelter Performance Engineering corporate headquarters at 1557 Winchester Road in Decatur.

Department Head Input:

Fire Chief, Les Marckel had attended the Safety Park Board meeting last evening and pointed out the transition of the ownership from North Adams Community Schools to the City had gone very well. He shared next year will be the 20th year for students to go through the Survive Alive House. Mayor Meyer gave his appreciation for the work of Jeff Sheets, Mike Pettibone, and Janet Torson. Marckel mentioned a couple of retired teachers are willing to assist in order to allow Janet Torson to have a break.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, reported that the work on the water main on High Street would be started in the next couple of weeks. It is estimated the work will be completed in 120 days.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, shared via a video slide, the views of where the sewer camera had been used. Bergdall reported that the poles and lights are being taken down at Hanna Nuttman. He noted the poles are in good condition and can be re-used. Dyer noted he had received calls regarding the trees being removed and it was learned that most were Cottonwood trees and had to be removed for the development of the Park. Public Works employees worked until 1:30 a.m. cleaning out storm drains during the flash flood. Bergdall reminded everyone to please keep grass clippings out of the storm drains.

Melissa Norby, Director of Community Development, shared that the Decatur Sculpture Tour would be held on Friday, June 14, 2019, with the unveiling at 6:00 p.m. She announced the Patronicity fundraiser for Hanna Nuttman Ball Park would be held from June 19 to August 18, 2019, if the City raises \$50,000, IHCDA will match \$50,000. Norby introduced Brielle Adams who started on June 1, 2019 as the organizer for events and activities for the first floor of the Second Street Lofts area owned by the City.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral reported Chris Brite will be sworn in as the new Deputy Police Chief effective June 15th and the new officer, Andrew Elwell will also be sworn in soon.

Council Input:

Coshow reported that the Farmers Market would be held Thursday, and that vendors for the evening's concert would be located on Madison Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Coshow asked for 2nd Street from Monroe St. to Court St. be closed to traffic beginning about 6:45 P.M. for safety reasons. By consensus, the request was approved. He also shared that the Chamber Golf Outing would be Friday, June 7, 2019.

Public Input:

Corey Affolder, owner of AB Cinema asked if there would be a discussion on parking on 1st Street. The Mayor informed him that a decision was made at the previous Board of Works meeting, but the decision was made too quickly, and that it will be review again in the future.

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 8:18 P.M.