

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 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 Attorney Scott Ainsworth filling in for City Attorney, Tim Baker who was not able to attend the meeting.

The Mayor invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the June 7th meeting. There were no corrections. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Adam Eguia, organizer of the Fourth of July Fireworks read a list of activities that will take place at the event. This is the 24th year, and all Veterans will be honored. Donations are being accepted at Fifth Third Bank, and also a hotdog stand will be at Wal-Mart to raise funds for this event. Francisco Eguia was present and thanked Adam Eguia for honoring Veterans.

After the public hearing on May 17th, Council members tabled the ordinance to vacate an alley requested by Pizza Hut. Attorney Ainsworth informed Council the property owner, Realty Income has provided revisions to the easement, and has been reviewed and accepted by him and the City Attorney, Tim Baker, but due to the time these revisions were made, the easement has not been signed by the property owner. The Mayor reported the City Attorney provided to him in an email, that since the easement issue has been resolved, council may proceed with the reading of the ordinance to vacate the alley and approve the easement. The City would not record the ordinance until the easement has been executed and delivered to the City for recording. The Mayor then asked for a motion to Place Ordinance 2016-6, on First Reading by short title only. Collier made to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Ainsworth read Ordinance No. 2016-6 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on First Reading. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Ainsworth read Ordinance No. 2016-6 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to suspend the rules, and Place the Ordinance on Third & Final Reading by short title. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Ainsworth read Ordinance No. 2016-6 by short title.

Collier made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-6. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed. Ordinance No. 2016-6 was adopted.

The Mayor then requested a motion to accept the Grant of Access and Utility Easement by grantor, Realty Income Properties 27, LLC. Councilman Sirk made a motion approving the Grant Access and Utility Easement subject to the agreement being signed by the grantor. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested Council to authorize him to negotiate purchasing 11 acres, which includes a pond from Community & Family Services, Inc. (former Gerber's Super Value grocery store), not to exceed \$20,000.00. Mayor Meyer informed them a Federal appraisal has been completed on the property, and would be used as part of the Nature Preserve project the City is working towards. St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church has committed donating their property to the City as part of the Nature Preserve. Councilman Collier made a motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate purchasing the property, not to exceed \$20,000.00. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Decatur Plan Commission held a public hearing petitioned by Gregory Townsend for Townsend and Caston Investment Company, Inc. requesting to rezone two (2) properties located at 511 E. Monroe Street and 505 E. Monroe Street from R-1 Residence to C-2 Commercial. After the hearing on June 21, 2016, the Decatur Plan Commission on a 7 to 0 vote, recommends to the Common Council to approve the petition and adopt the ordinance to rezone the properties. Councilman Sirk made a motion to make the recommendation from the Decatur Plan Commission a matter of record. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bill Karbach who is a Plan Commission member commented that Mr. Townsend plans are to remove the two houses that are located on these properties, and use the lots for parking. There being no further comments, the Mayor then asked for a motion to Place Ordinance 2016-7, on First Reading by short title only. Collier made the motion to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Ainsworth read Ordinance No. 2016-7 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on First Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Ainsworth read Ordinance No. 2016-7 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to suspend the rules, and Place the Ordinance on Third & Final Reading by short title. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney Ainsworth read Ordinance No. 2016-7 by short title.

Collier made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-7. Sirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voted in favor, none opposed. Ordinance No. 2016-7 was adopted.

At the previous meeting, council approved allowing Summer Concerts Series on Thursday's on Madison Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event form has been amended to include the other dates for concerts. Craig Coshow announced the Bulldogs (formerly Spike and the Bulldogs) will be performing on June 30th. The other dates will be July 21st, August 4th and 25th. Performances for these dates will be announced later. Dyer made a motion to approve the additional dates. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced what a huge success the Decatur Sculpture Tour was this year, and received comments from the people from REV Rally who were also appreciative the DST was held the same time as their visit to Decatur.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported the Fire Department was called out and had to use the new UTV on the Rivergreenway Trail last Saturday. The Fire Department will also have the UTV at the Dekegger event this weekend.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert reported the first round of street paving has been completed. Also, Three Rivers Barricade will be doing street stripping in the next couple of weeks.

Mayor asked for comments from the Council members. Councilman Dyer received a letter from a resident in Homestead who had concerns with the parking in Homestead Park during soccer games. Parks Supt., Jeremy Gilbert informed him that the Park Board is aware of the parking issue, but not sure what can be done. Gilbert will update the Council in the near future at what the Park Board has in the Master Plan.

Councilman Dyer also referred to how Adams County recently lost computer data, and asked how the City's records are backed up. The Mayor informed him that each department has their own backup system/plan.

Councilman Coshow complimented the Parks & Recreation Department's for the Touch-A-Truck event.

In order to prepare the 2017 budgets, the Clerk-Treasurer had given to the Council members the City's cost of a 2%, 2.5%, and 3% raise for city employees. Councilman Dyer made a motion to use 3% for budgeting. The motion dies for lack of a second. Councilman Collier referred to the cost of living index, then made a motion to use 2% for budget purposes only, with the understanding the raise could be less, but not more than 2%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sirk. Motion was carried.

Coshow made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.