

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 5, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2nd Street. The meeting was properly posted and the media notified of the date change due to the holiday. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Meyer. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the June 20, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer welcomed Scott Murray as the 4th District Councilman. A motion to make Scott Murray's Oath of Office a matter of record was made by Dyer and seconded by Sirk. Motion carried.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director gave an update on the plans for the DeKegger event to be held. With the closing of Madison Street from 1st to 2nd St. Norby presented an updated map showing the closing of Second Street to Third Street between Madison and Court Street. Dyer made a motion to allow the request for this layout change. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Norby next presented the event form for the Sidewalk Sale to be held on Saturday, July 15, 2017. The form sought the closing of Second Street from Jefferson Street to Monroe Street and from Monroe Street to Jackson Street, leaving the intersection of Monroe and Second Street open. Also closed would be Madison Street between Second and Third Street and Court Street from Second Street to the alley. The event would take place from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appropriate signatures will be sought following the acceptance of the street closings. Dyer made a motion to accept the event form for the Sidewalk Sale event. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Updates on the various projects throughout the city were given:

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert and Civil Infrastructure Manager, Don Bergdall reported that the Streetscape Project along Monroe Street was progressing well. The Phase 1 from the bridge to 1st Street has been finished except the lighting. They are now working on Phase 2, the 1st St. to 2nd St. area along the south side of Monroe Street. The light poles arrived last week and 1st Street from Monroe to Jackson is to be milled/repaved this Friday. The groundbreaking has taken place for the St. Mary's Nature Preserve with completion expected in 45-60 days. They want to include all who have made the project possible during the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies. Progress is moving on the Schafer building as all windows needed to be removed before demolition. This being nearly completed, the plan is to start demolition on Monday, July 10, 2017. Madison Street from 1st St. to 2nd St. and First St. from Monroe St. to Madison St. will be closed during the demolition. It was shared that some had inquired about getting bricks, and it was noted that after the demolition; bricks could be made available at a

designated area. For the Master Drive project, it was shared that the water main is in and tap-in connections are scheduled to begin Wednesday, July 12, 2017 which should take 2-3 weeks for completion. Curbing will take place the second week of August with drive-way approaches being the third week of August. Everything is expected to be nearly completed by Labor Day. Mayor Meyer thanked the residents of Master Dr. for their patience during this lengthy project.

Community Development Director, Melissa Norby reported the Madison St. Plaza Project will be advertising for bids on July 10th, with July 20th set for a pre-bid meeting. Also, she has notified the business owners who were awarded the Façade Program funding. Total awarded for 2017 was \$71,000.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager brought the INDOT Community Crossings funding option before the Council. It was shared the law changed the 50-50 matching funds to 25-75 for street work. A road rating system is required. Funds can be used for resurfacing, repaving and sidewalks, and like work. Application for a grant is due July 15, 2017 with results announced the end of August. Fullenkamp made a motion that application be made for the \$1 Million and see what can be received. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. It was discussed that funds could be budgeted in 2018 and 2019.

Department Heads:

Les Marckel, Fire Chief, noted the new grass/brush truck was parked in the lot for all to check out.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Supt., noted he has filed application with FEMA to attend floodplain management classes in Maryland, and is waiting to hear back from them.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director reported tickets have gone on sale for the City sponsored Tin Caps game on August 12, 2017. Tickets are \$7 each, and tickets purchased are accompanied with \$5 Tin Cap Cash. Anyone interest can contact the Decatur Riverside Center at 724-2520.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer thanked Adam Eguia for 25 years of organizing the Annual Fireworks Display event. He noted there is now a need for someone or some group to take on the project. Meyer also thanked all who helped provide for the safety of everyone attending the event.

Mayor Meyer shared that Phase 3 of the 224 INDOT Project would take place the week of July 24, 2017. Thus, Jackson St. would be closed and East Monroe St. and Stratton would be re-opened.

Council Input:

Coshow announced the Summer Concert Series would continue on Thursday evening, July 6, 2017.

Sirk shared that Channel 21 TV personnel would be in town on July 13, 2017 to interview various groups for the INSIGHT program. Airing of the result of the interviews will likely be a week later.

Dyer noted that he sees more people each year touring the city's sculptures to which Mayor Meyer responded that the Boys and Girls Club had taken the youth on a tour and then had them make sculptures which he was invited to see.

Fullenkamp asked the status of the feasibility studies regarding the pool and the ball diamonds. It was shared that groups have met regarding the aquatic/pool item and selected items they would like, and there was a rendition and cost provided. Now they need to decide what to take out to reduce the cost. No funds have been spent regarding the ball diamonds but a group is

going to Monroe to check out that project. This is probably two (2) weeks away. Regarding the Riverfront Project, \$10,500 has been spent and plans have been looked at with no further action to date. Fullenkamp stated he would like to see any plans presented to date. Mayor Meyer will provide the plans to-date to the council members.

Mayor Meyer and Melissa Norby shared that funding from Patronicity web page for matching funds of \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 for the Madison Street Plaza will go online later this month. It was also noted there will be a Capital Campaign to Market Decatur which is in the plans for later this year as the plans are not quite ready yet.

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, Coshow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:30 P.M.