

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 16, 2019

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, July 16, 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 Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp were in attendance. Councilmen Cameron Collier and Wylie Sirk were absent. 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 July 2, 2019 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to make the Affidavit of mailing and notification of the Public Hearing for REV Recreation Group, Inc. a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Councilman Wylie Sirk attended the meeting.

Dyer made a motion to suspend the Council meeting and open a Public Hearing. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

During the Public Hearing, Larry Macklin, Interim Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation and representative for REV Recreation Group Inc., appeared with REV Vice President, Doug Hormann. Macklin spoke in support of the Confirmatory Resolution 2019-4 which is to be introduced during the Council Meeting.

There being no one else in the audience to speak for or against the abatement for REV Recreation Group, Inc., Fullenkamp made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Council meeting. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed.

Comments were made by Larry Macklin noting he was appearing before the Council to seek the adoption of the Confirmatory Resolution 2019-4, confirming the action regarding the abatement presented and approved by the Declaratory Resolution at the July 2, 2019 meeting. Macklin noted that REV plans a new building and extensive work on current buildings located at 1031 US Highway 224 East at a cost of \$5.75 million and adding machinery at a cost of \$13.75 million for a total investment of \$19.5 million. Three hundred (300) additional employees will be added over the next 4 years with an average wage of \$20.82 an hour and an increase of \$219,000 in COIT/CEDIT dollars coming into the City. The Economic Revitalization Area being created would have property taxes phased in over ten (10) years.

Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2019-4, a resolution confirming the ten (10) year abatement for real estate and personal property for REV Recreation Group, Inc, by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney read Resolution 2019-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-4. Seconded by Dyer, the resolution passed and Mayor Meyer announced that Resolution 2019-4 has been adopted and Council members signed the four (4) needed copies.

The Ordinance to create a Public Art Commission was next considered. City Attorney, Tim Baker summarized the changes and additions he had included in the ordinance as suggested by the Council members at the July 2, 2019 Council meeting. Thus, Ordinance 2019-7, an ordinance to create a Public Art Commission, and establish a non-reverting fund was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-7 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-7 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed 4-0 passage with Collier being absent. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-7 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2019-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-7 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage by a 4-0 vote with Collier being absent. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-7 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-7 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed by a 4-0 vote with Collier being absent. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-7 has been adopted.

Ann Razo, on behalf of the Greater Decatur Advisory Committee, appeared before the Council to share a proposal for the next five (5) years. Ms. Razo opened her presentation by reading the Committee's Mission Statement. Razo shared an overview of the various capital improvement projects that had been completed, or are in progress, over the past five (5) years were used for such things as Downtown Facades, Madison Street Plaza, Marketing Campaign and work on Hanna Nuttman Ball Park, Pennsy Depot, 2nd Street Lofts, 2nd Street Streetscapes, and so forth. Ms. Razo requested another commitment of a minimum of \$2.5 million over the next five (5) years for additional projects such as continued work on 2nd Street Streetscapes, sidewalk work through the City, developing a marketing plan for Riverside Development, support for the result of the Feasibility Study for 13th Street, a Water Park, a dog park, and so forth. Dyer made a motion to commit another \$2.5 million over the next five (5) years for capital improvement projects. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. The City Attorney will prepare a Resolution for the next meeting to address the Council's commitment of budgeting funds towards capital improvement projects.

Coshow made a motion to make the email received from Greg Kitson requesting not to be reappointed to serve on the Decatur Board of Zoning Appeals when his current term ends on December 31, 2019. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Kitson was praised for his 19 years on the BZA and his involvement in Greater Decatur.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer thanked the community for the great support at the groundbreaking event at Hanna Nuttman Ball Park. He shared that \$725,000 has been committed to the project and with the Patronicity fundraising project now within 100's of dollars of the goal of at least \$50,000.00 of that total will become at least \$825,000. Mayor Meyer announced the goal is \$1 million and he would like to see that goal exceeded.

Mayor Meyer reported that work is going well so far at the new water plant and that the City workers have been very busy with various projects.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief, Lennie Corral reported that Officer Eric Mitchel began work on Monday, July 15, 2019 and Dan McGill and Nathan Hunter are halfway through their training at the academy.

Council Input:

Having earlier adopted the ordinance to create the Public Art Commission, Councilman Sirk brought up the need for funding. It was shared the goal is for the Art Commission to find ways to eventually become self-funded. However, Sirk noted that there should be some seed money and funding should be provided yearly from the City Budget. Mayor Meyer commented that the contracted employee will become a part-time employee of the City. Fullenkamp suggested that the employee might eventually be paid from Commission funds but that is not feasible at this time. Fullenkamp suggested \$10,000 as a feasible amount for the seed money for 2020. There was also the need to fund the facility with such things as water and electricity. Sirk made a motion to transfer funds to the Public Art Commission of \$10,000 as seed money and budget funding for the employee and utilities at \$20,000. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow announced that Saturday's Downtown Decatur Day had been a great success with events, vendors, and so forth. He then shared that Seth Cook would be presenting the concert on Madison Street Plaza on Thursday, July 18, 2019 from 7-9 p.m. and that John King would be performing on Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 4-6 p.m.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright asked Council for input regarding the 2020 budget. Council members directed Whitright to include \$800,000 in the budget to finish Hanna Nuttman Ball Park Project, the 2nd Street Streetscapes project and various sidewalk improvements. Also to budget any expenses for the Northwest Elementary School building.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Sirk. The motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 8:47 P.M.