

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 18, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 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, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Councilman Matt Dyer was absent.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the July 5, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, and Greg Kitson, member of the Greater Decatur Committee, appeared before the Council. It was shared that the Committee has led the City to where it is in a lot of the current projects. Kitson noted that Resolution 2015-7 had expressed the Council's support of specific projects for five years. He shared the Greater Decatur Committee had met Monday evening and outlined what had taken place since the first Stellar application. Part of the presentation included the sharing of Exhibit A which included the original wish list and highlighted what had been completed, what is currently in progress, and what is coming soon. The presentation included a list of items the Greater Decatur committee was proposing for 2018 totaling \$750,000. Projects included the First Floor Construction of Second Street Lofts (\$200,000); First Street property acquisition for Riverfront (\$100,000); 2018 Marketing Campaign (\$50,000); Renovation of Master's Heating Building (\$100,000); Payment toward purchase price of Master's building (\$50,000); and Hanna Nuttman ball diamond reconfiguration (\$250,000). Mayor Meyer made comments regarding items to be considered. He shared there are still properties to be acquired along First Street. He shared that \$50,000 would not be full payment for the Master's Heating building, but that would be a good start and noted it is difficult to even talk about it as the City does not own it. He shared that \$50,000 is a line item in this year's budget for a marketing program for the Hanna Nuttman, Riverfront, and Aquatic Park projects. A question was posed regarding the upgrading of the Master's Heating building. Fullenkamp questioned if it was feasible or practical. Discussions will continue. Kitson was thanked for coming before the Council and Fullenkamp noted he would appreciate updates from time to time on what the Committee is working on.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright noted she is currently working on the budget for 2018 with a possible rough draft being ready for the next meeting. By consensus, Whitright was directed to include the Greater Decatur Committee's proposed \$750,000 although the items could be different.

Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC) presented three proposals for flood area buyouts on Parkview Drive, Angus Drive, and Meadow Lane. He shared that Congress may not fund FEMA for flood mitigation beyond 2018. The MRBC had received \$1 million to be able to match funds. Renkenberger shared three proposals as follows:

Proposal #1: Purchase of 18 structures; aggregate total of \$1,771,585; Federal share of \$1,328,688.75; local share of \$442,896.25; City in-kind match of \$148,500; MRBC cash match of \$215,000; and City cash match of \$79,396.25.

Proposal #2: Purchase of 15 structures; aggregate total of \$1,420,810; Federal share of \$1,065,607.50; local share of \$355,202.50; City in-kind match of \$123,000; MRBC cash match of \$180,000; and City cash match of \$51,402.50.

Proposal #3: Purchase of 12 structures: aggregate total of \$1,156,365; Federal share of \$867,273.50; local share of \$289,091.25; City in-kind match of \$99,800; MRBC cash match of \$144,000; and City cash match of \$45,291.25.

Following discussion Sirk made a motion to proceed with the project to buyout 18 structures/homes to be removed over the next 2 years. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make the Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms for Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Manager, and also Roger Gage, Volunteer Fireman a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The event form for the Kekionga Festival sponsored by the Decatur Chamber of Commerce to be held from Thursday, August 17 to Sunday, August 20, 2017 was presented. It was noted there were street closings which would vary according to the day and the events. A motion was made by Sirk to approve the street closings. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. Coshow abstained from voting.

A request was made for sponsorship from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce for the Decatur Highland Games event to be held October 7, 2017. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

Department Heads:

Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Manager gave an update on various projects: Master Drive has passed all tests and they are hooking up the homes. The St. Mary's Nature Preserve is on hold due to the rains. The Schafer building is going down, and sidewalks along the north side of Monroe Street are progressing.

Council Input:

Fullenkamp shared that if working on the budget, council needs to look ahead for promotional funds for various festivals/events. By consensus, the promotional account in the Common Council 2018 budget will be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Sirk shared the need to include funds for renovations to the second floor of City Hall. Mayor Meyer noted he had proposed plans from Martin Riley, which he will forward to the council members.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer noted that they had had a progress meeting with INDOT regarding the Highway 224 project. Phase 3 of the project has been delayed until the week of July 31, 2017.

Pre-bid meeting for the Madison Street Plaza will be held July 20, 2017. Twelve contractors were notified, and 9 responded.

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

Adjournment was at 8:47 P.M.