

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were 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 6, 2021 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was an update regarding the REV Sports Complex. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, and Larry Isch, President of the Park Board, appeared before the Council. The first season for using the updated fields has ended. There are still projects that need to be completed, which Gilbert handed out quotes from various contractors. The City had a Capital Campaign to assist in funding the start of this project. Gilbert reported that the Decatur Parks Department has taken over the concessions this year to help with funding. Gilbert has listened to the comments over the season and noted he listened to both the good and the bad. Two (2) areas are especially concerning as they are safety issues, bleacher protection canopy and the paving of the parking lots. Gilbert provided a list of items and costs in order to complete the REV Sports Complex. The list included \$720,000 for field lighting, \$300,000 for finishing the parking lots, \$20,000 for additional concrete work, and \$147,995 for bleacher canopy netting for a total of \$1,187,995. The estimates have been shared with the Park Board at their last few meetings. Larry Isch would like to provide a match donation of dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 for the project, in hopes to get the fund raising started. During the discussion, Mayor Rickord noted he is getting calls weekly from people wanting a Dog Park which will also need fund raising. Isch noted that the Park Board is willing to take on the fund raising responsibilities for the completion of the REV Sports Complex. Dyer made a motion to allow the Parks Board to take over the fund raising for the completion of the REV Sports Complex. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert, informed Council that the Park Board is wanting a separate non-reverting fund for the REV Sports Complex, and to transfer the balance from the Ball Parks non-reverting fund that was established for improvements to ball parks from the collection of league fees. In order to do this, Council would need to do this by ordinance to transfer the exiting balance from the Ball Parks non-reverting fund, and to establish a new REV Sports Complex non-reverting fund. Fullenkamp made a motion to direct the City Attorney, Tim Baker to draft the necessary ordinance to transfer the funds from the current non-reverting fund and create a new non-reverting fund for the REV Sports Complex. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Event forms were then considered.

The first event form was for Yoga on the Plaza on August 7, 2021. The form included the use of the restroom, sound system and electricity. Coshow made a motion to approve the event and to waive the fees due to this being a community event. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The second event form was to use Madison Street Plaza for a class reunion for Belmont Class of 2001 on Saturday, July 31, 2021. The group requested use of the restrooms and electricity. Dyer

made a motion to approve the event for the Belmont Class of 2001 reunion. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The City Attorney announced that the Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, Colton Bickel was unable to attend tonight's meeting, so Baker explained the reasoning for the need of Resolution 2021-8, a resolution to de-federalize the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) used by the Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) was brought forth. It was shared that after seven (7) years a request can be made to de-federalize the RLF funds. It was explained that the City had originally provided the funds and now it needs to show support for de-federalization. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2021-8 by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was passed and City Attorney Tim Baker read Resolution 2021-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-8. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright informed Council that a new law had been passed HEA 1169, which requires the City to report cybersecurity incidents to the Indiana Office of Technology without unreasonable delay and not later than 2 business days in a format prescribed by the IOT. Also, the City needs to provide to the IOT the name and contact information of any individual who will act as the primary reporter of a cybersecurity incident before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> of each year thereafter. Adams County IT Director, Mike Brown will be the contact person for the City. Whitright noted she wanted everyone to be aware of the requirement.

Clerk-Treasurer Whitright also reported that she has filed the appropriate paperwork to the Indiana Finance Authority to receive the first distribution of the ARP-Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds on Friday, July 16, 2021.

Regarding the budget input, Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright informed Council they will need to adopt a 2-year plan for 2022 and 2023 with CREDIT funds. She also noted she is working on the completion of the 2022 budget and requested for Council to think about projects they want included in the budget. Whitright mentioned a few of the projects that are included in the 2022 budget is the Façade program and developing a parking lot on 1<sup>st</sup> and Monroe Street.

Mayor Rickord gave an update on the Dog Park that Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission has to file paperwork to get permission from FEMA to re-use the area where the former Evergreen Assisted Living facility was located, which needs to be decided before a fence can be put in. Mayor Rickord has been contacted by some people who are interested in assisting with raising funds for a Dog Park.

#### Department Heads Input:

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert reported that they have had 25 water main breaks in the last month. Also City crews will be replacing water lines this evening on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street before Phases 2 and 3 of the Streetscapes project begins.

Utilities Auditor, Kevin Hackman, has applied for funding through the State Water Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (SWIF) for over \$2 million in projects. He will report if funding is approved.

Detective Kevin Gerber was appreciative of the discussion that took place at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting for the proposed additional base pay increase. He reported that Officers Schwaller and Smith are in week seven at the academy.

**Council Input:**

Coshow thanked Kampman's for sponsoring this Thursday night's Concert Series on the Madison Street Plaza.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims. 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 8:42 P.M