

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, August 1, 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, 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 July 18, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer announced that the Flood Ordinance adopted in 2010 had to be updated to be eligible for DNR and FEMA funding. City Attorney, Tim Baker had prepared Ordinance 2017-7 to amend Chapter 155 of the Code of Ordinances, regarding flood hazard areas. A motion to introduce Ordinance 2017-7 on first reading by Short Title Only was made by Sirk, seconded by Dyer, and passed. Ordinance 2017-7 was read by Baker by Short Title Only. A motion to pass Ordinance 2017-7 on its first reading was made by Sirk and seconded by Dyer. Roll call showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-7 on its second reading by Short Title Only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed. Baker read Ordinance 2017-7 by Short Title Only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-7 on its second reading. Seconded by Coshow, roll call showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-7 until the next scheduled meeting on August 15, 2017. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer noted that a request for sponsorship for the Decatur Highland Games event was made at the previous meeting and action was delayed in order to see what funds were available. The sponsorship levels are \$1,000 for the Gold Level, \$750 for the Silver Level, \$500 for the Bronze Level, and \$300 for the Local Level. Dyer made a motion to sponsor at a rate of the \$500 Bronze Level. Seconded by Sirk the motion was adopted 4-0 as Coshow abstained from voting. This will be paid from the Mayor's promotional account.

The next item to be consider was budget input for 2018. Councilmen looked at each department's budgets regarding increases or decreases and rationale for proposed changes.

Mayor--increased slightly for salaries

Clerk-Treasurer--decreased slightly, due to software purchase made last year.

Law--It was noted that \$6,000 was moved from the Plan/Building & Zoning Dept.'s budget for legal services to the law department budget due to changes in projects.

Police—Monies were budgeted to add an additional patrolman, overtime was increased \$15,000, and also budgeted was to reinstate reserve officers. It was shared that application has been submitted for a state grant to pay 75% of an additional police officer. A motion was made by Dyer to hire the additional patrolman even if the grant is not awarded. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. Included in the Police Department's proposed budget is \$23,000 but an

additional \$30,000 more is needed for the proposed IT services with the County. The IT services for 2018 will be paid from the LOIT Public Safety fund.

Fire—added another position for a special captain for technical rescue, replacement of flags & posts, and will need to adjust budget for IT services with the County for \$13,000, and add a new phone system for \$13,500 to be paid from the LOIT Public Safety fund.

City Hall--Additional funding for 2018 is needed for the HVAC maintenance contract

Building/Plan Commission—increased vehicle maintenance

Parking Control—Council removed 2% salary increase in the budget since a full-time position has been vacated.

Sanitation—Council increased advertising 433 account for promoting recycling from \$500 to \$1,000

Common Council—Increases for insurance, FICA/Medicare adjusted, and increased building improvements to City Hall, and capital projects

MVH--5% total increase which includes \$7,000 to purchase a truck from the County Highway Department to be used especially for removal of concrete

Parks and Rec--additional funding is needed to maintain additional areas of properties purchased, a UTV was added to be used to maintain parks and snow removal for the Madison Street Plaza, also included is a salt box, and new mowers

CCD--from Resolution 2015-7 part of \$750,000 included here for capital improvement projects.

LOIT-Public Safety--Additional funding for the 2018 IT program with the County for the Police and the Fire Departments

Rainy Day--part of funding for 2015-7 Resolution (\$200,000) for capital improvement projects, City's share of the Community Crossing Grant (\$125,000)

LOIT--Special Distribution--balance is the remainder of a one time distribution

CEDIT--Economic Development Income Tax--Includes \$170,000 as part of the \$750,000 as per Resolution 2015-7 for capital improvement projects, \$85,000 for flood mitigation, \$45,000 to Adams County Economic Development Corp., \$25,000 for Connect to Careers, \$50,000 50/50 Sidewalk Program

The proposed 2018 budget is at \$8,285,119 up 6.27% prior to any of the changes made this evening.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer shared he had received an e-mail from INDOT noting that Phase 3 of the 224 Highway project would take effect on Thursday or Friday depending on the weather. A portions of Jackson Street, N. Adams Drive, and Ogg St. will be closed. E. Monroe Street will be open.

Department Heads:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that application had been made for the Community Crossings Match Grant for up to \$1 million dollars for street and sidewalk improvement and the results should be provided in 3-4 weeks. Gilbert also noted that several street light poles needed to be replaced. It was shared that Indiana Michigan Power is currently having a major renovation project, and Mayor Meyer has contacted the utility who has agreed to give the city the poles which have been replaced that are in good shape.

Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Manager shared that the final taps had been completed on Master Drive, and curbs and asphalt is being removed.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director shared that the Patronicity online funding for Madison Street Plaza goes online on Wednesday, August 2, 2017. The website is: patronicity.com/madisonstreetplaza.

City Attorney, Tim Baker thanked Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright for all her time and effort in putting the budget together.

Council Input:

Coshow shared that the Rotarians will celebrate their 100th Anniversary, with the revealing of a bell statue, and assisting with the Thursday Night Summer Concert Series.

Murray shared that a portion of the new sidewalk at Legion Park has sunk, and needs to be repaired.

Coshow 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 Fullenkamp, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 9:07 P.M.