

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 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 Cam Collier, Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the July 19th meeting. There were no corrections. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Slike from AECOM gave an update on the Sewer Interceptor Project. The project broke ground this week, and is currently working on the siphon station behind Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home. All permits have been acknowledged. Change orders have been approved with some deductions and additions, which totals \$45,000 to \$49,000, but adds more value to the project. The fencing around the Lytle property is in the correct place, but the fencing around the river will be relocated.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert, Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby and Parks & Recreation Office Manager, Ryan Green have been working on curbside recycling information to be distributed to every home in city limits, which will take 2-3 weeks to distribute. They will also provide information at upcoming events. Norby is anticipating cooperation from the community to help distribute the information. Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact Norby at City Hall. Curbside recycling will begin the week of September 12th, and then every other week with regular trash collection. Gilbert and Norby announced next Tuesday, August 8th is the last day to purchase tickets for Decatur's night with the Tincaps. Business owners were thanked for donating gifts to be given at the ball park.

Councilman Sirk made a motion to make the proof of publication of notice to taxpayers of additional appropriation a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright prepared Resolution No. 2016-10, a resolution for additional appropriation to use \$298,000.00 of the LOIT Special Distribution fund. The City received \$530,728.55 in May per Senate Enrolled Act 67, which 75% of these funds are restricted for street maintenance. The Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert received quotes to pave various streets in 2016. Another \$100,000.00 has been budgeted in 2017 from the LOIT Special Distribution fund for street maintenance. Councilman Collier made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2016-10. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney read the Resolution by short title. Councilman Fullenkamp made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-10. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will file the necessary paperwork with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) for final approval.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby submitted an event form requesting to close the parking lot behind the former City Hall building between 2nd and 3rd Street on Friday, Sept. 30th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Bicentennial Experience event, which includes a truck and trailer, with ramp and fold down stage, approximately 100' in length. The hours for the public to view will be from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A celebration will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Founders Park. Councilman Dyer made a motion to grant the request. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried. Norby will notify the people who currently use this parking lot of the closure.

Discussed at the June 21st Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, and approved at the July 5th council meeting was to proceed to increase the water utility rates by 15% to cover operating expenses. The City Attorney prepared Ordinance No. 2016-9, an ordinance which amends rates and charges for the use of and the service rendered by the Decatur Water System. Collier made a motion to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-9 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on First Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-9 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on Second Reading. Coshow seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to Table the Ordinance until the Public Hearing to be held on August 16th. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

2017 proposed budget form 1's were reviewed by the council members. Each department head commented on any changes to their budgets. A discussion took place on hiring two (2) additional police officers, since the Police Chief was previously granted permission to add only one (1) to fill the School Resource Officer. After discussing, council kept the budget the same, but made the Police Chief aware that this could change later after the Clerk-Treasurer prepares the rest of the budget forms. The Police Chief also noted that \$10,000 was omitted in error in the Police Department budget under Machinery & Equipment, and \$10,000 was also omitted in error in the LOIT-Public Safety budget under Machinery & Equipment, but both showed on his explanation letter. Council approved including the amounts in the Police Department's and also the LOIT-Public Safety budget. Common Council's budget included \$15,000 for street lights, which the Mayor requested for improvements to Master Drive. The Clerk-Treasurer suggested budgeting additional monies to replace deteriorated street light poles. By consensus, council approved increasing capital outlays \$20,000 for street light poles from the Common Council budget. The City Attorney explained the circuit breaker property tax cap estimates that were provided by the DLGF this year, and what the impact may be on next year's budget. The Clerk-Treasurer mentioned the amount in the proposed budget is an estimate of what the City used in previous years, but may be required to use the estimates provided by DLGF. The Clerk-Treasurer will know more when attending the annual budget workshop with DLGF on Tuesday, August 16th. Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert did not include in the Parks & Recreation budget a tractor for ball diamonds, and a tool-cat for the trails. Gilbert explained the necessity for these two pieces of equipment. He also

mentioned the revenues receives for the Parks Department is not enough to support these purchases, and requested if there were other funds to pay for these items. By consensus, council approved budgeting not more than \$75,000 for these two items in the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) fund. Gilbert also requested increasing the Local Road & Street fund an additional \$10,000 than he original submitted for street pavement maintenance. By consensus, council approved increasing the Local Road & Street fund from \$50,000 to \$60,000. There were no changes to the other estimated budgets submitted. The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright will prepare the revenue estimates and the other budget forms for DLGF's review on Tuesday, August 16th and report back at the next council meeting.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker was contacted by New Prime's attorney stating that council should have a second public hearing to allow New Prime the opportunity to appeal council's decision on the denial of New Prime's tax abatement. Baker mentioned he contacted IACT, and Tom Pitman of Barnes & Thornburg and found no basis for a second hearing. By consensus, council members will not hold a second hearing based on the information provided by the City Attorney.

Coshow made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.