

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2nd Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. 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 August 1, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

First on the agenda was a PowerPoint presentation by Brian Clemons representing the Economic Restructuring Committee for Decatur Main Street. Clemons shared the plans to place a kiosk in Decatur designed by GoToKiosk of Monroe, Indiana, which would provide information plus other items such as business advertisements and monthly events. It was shared that Biggs Management, Inc. had provided \$3,000 for the project. Various uses for the kiosk were discussed. Decatur Main Street is requesting approval to locate the kiosk on 2nd Street at the south corner of Founders Park facing City Hall. After discussion of possible locations, a motion was made by Coshow to place the kiosk on the southeast corner of Founder's Park. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Sirk abstained from voting, due to being President of Decatur Main Street.

Two event forms were then presented. The first event form was for the St. Mary's Fall Fest to close a portion of 5th Street from Monroe to Madison Street on Sunday, September 10th. The other event form presented was to close Madison Street between 2nd and 3rd Street, and the alley between 2nd and 3rd Street to reschedule the Corey Cox Concert for September 21, 2017 for the Summer Concert Series. A motion to accept the street closures for both events was made by Coshow, seconded by Dyer, and adopted.

Before placing Ordinance 2017-7 on third reading, which amends Chapter 155 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 regarding floodplain management regulations within Decatur, Indiana, a motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Dyer to amend Ordinance 2017-7 by correcting a Scribner's error by amending page 9, pertaining to substantial damage and substantial improvement to be changed from 50% to 40%. The motion was adopted.

A motion to place Ordinance 2017-7 with amendments on third reading by short title only was made by Sirk and seconded by Coshow. Motion passed. Ordinance 2017-7 was read by short title only by City Attorney Tim Baker. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-7 on its third and final reading, seconded by Dyer. Roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Ordinance No. 2017-7 was adopted.

Mayor Meyer shared that following the discussion at the August 1, 2017 meeting of the County seeking the City's support of receiving the old jail for the cost of demolition, it is felt that

the work release area also has problems and would need to be razed. The City's cost for demolition of the two buildings is estimated at \$70,000, but is not included in the 2018 budget. Mayor Meyer is awaiting a call from the Sheriff to set up a time to tour the building along with Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert and Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Manager before making any commitment.

It was shared that Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC) had informed the Mayor that two separate resolutions were necessary for FEMA to provide flood mitigation funds for the 18 homes proposed to purchase in 2018 and 2019. Resolution No. 2017-10 referenced 8 flood prone properties for the City's cash share cost to be \$43,906.25, and \$64,700 in-kind match by utilizing the City of Decatur's Street Department equipment and staff to perform the demolition of the homes purchased via the FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant Program. Resolution 2017-11 included 10 flood prone properties for the City's cash share cost to be \$32,031.25, and \$83,800 as in-kind match by also utilizing the City of Decatur's Street Department equipment and staff to perform the demolition of the homes purchased via the grant. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2017-10 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. City Attorney Tim Baker read Resolution 2017-10 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-10. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2017-11 by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed. City Attorney Tim Baker read Resolution 2017-11 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-11. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright shared the following dates regarding the 2018 budget: September 14--meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) to review the budget; October 3, 2017--Public Hearing with 2018 Budget Ordinance introduced; October 7, 2017--Adoption of the 2018 budget.

Department Heads Input:

Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Manager shared that the work on Master Drive was moving along with stone being put down, paving tomorrow, and asphalt to be done by a week from Friday. He shared that work had begun on the Nature Preserve.

Curt Witte, Building & Zoning Supt. shared that the progress on the movie theater downtown was going well, and he had completed the first inspection for the new Wendy's site.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer reported the Patronicity on-line fund raising for Madison Street Plaza had reached \$29,505 in two weeks from 54 patrons. He encouraged people throughout the city to contribute as he would like to see hundreds of smaller contributions rather than a few large ones. He asked people to consider contributing as he stated, "It takes all of us to make a greater Decatur."

Mayor Meyer stated the only bid received for the Madison Street Plaza was from Primco, and it was over 10% of the engineer's estimate. He shared that Jeremy Gilbert, Don Bergdall and himself would be meeting with Primco and JPR tomorrow morning (Wednesday, August 2, 2017) to try to find ways to lessen the costs. He shared that the Board of Public Works and Safety members gave permission to negotiate with Primco and JPR. It was noted to rebid the project would most likely increase the bid amount as commonly rebid projects have increases

of 20-30%. Jeremy Gilbert shared that contractors are not hungry right now as lots of money is being funneled into city and town projects across the state. A motion was made by Dyer to allow Mayor Meyer, Jeremy Gilbert, and Don Bergdall to go to the meeting tomorrow and bring back a proposal at the September 5, 2017. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council Input:

Fullenkamp suggested that regarding the kiosk it might be advantageous to get an app to go with it. Discussion will be at a future meeting.

Dyer shared he had 2 local bankers ask about the city's accounts, and was then informed that bids were already submitted from 3 banks this year.

Sirk brought up concerns about the use of fireworks, especially those used late at night and his concern of Veterans coming home and the noise being extremely disturbing to them. He suggested taking a look at the current Ordinance and Mayor Meyer shared he would email a copy to each Councilman to look at for the next meeting.

Coshow announced the Kekionga Festival will be held this weekend.

Murray asked that the barricades being used for special events be picked up or placed in an area so they would keep the sidewalks clear, especially at the handicap ramp area.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims against the city. Seconded by Dyer, 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 9:07 P.M.