

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, September 19, 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 September 5, 2017 meeting. There being no corrections, Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion to suspend the Common Council meeting for a Public Hearing was made by Sirk, seconded by Dyer and passed.

A motion to open a Public Hearing for the purpose of tax abatement for ABCinema, Inc. was made by Sirk, seconded by Coshow, and adopted.

A motion was made by Sirk to make the proof of publication for the Public Hearing and also the proof of notification to the taxing units a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the September 5, 2017 meeting of the Common Council, ABCinema, Inc. was an applicant for five (5) year tax abatement for each, personal property and real estate. There were no comments received from the public.

A motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Sirk, seconded by Fullenkamp, and adopted.

A motion to reconvene the Common Council meeting was made by Sirk. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

A motion to introduce Confirming Resolution 2017-13, a Resolution to allow the tax abatement for ABCinema, Inc., on it first reading by short title only was made by Sirk. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. City Attorney Baker read Resolution 2017-13 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-13. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed and Resolution 2017-13 was adopted. It was shared that the Resolution will be placed before the Decatur Redevelopment Commission at their meeting on October 4, 2017, due to the property being in the TIF District. The Affolder's and/or their Attorney Audra Snyder may attend that meeting, or City Attorney Baker stated he could speak on their behalf.

An event form for Cherry Lane Resident Block Party was presented. The event will be held on October 1, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. between 1403 and 1550 Cherry Lane with 30-40 residents attending. Brad Engle was present to represent the residents. Sirk made a motion to approve the event and street closing. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Emerson Brown, a local Boy Scout working on his Eagle Degree, gave a PowerPoint presentation to share his plans for signage for the St. Mary's Nature Preserve. He thanked the

Council for allowing him to do the project and noted there would be five (5) signs located at various areas of special interest. He has succeeded in getting five (5) sponsors to help with the costs: Adams Memorial Hospital, Miller, Burry, and Brown, PC, Fleming Excavating, Inc., Don Ray's Drive Away, and First Merchants Bank, Decatur Branch. Councilman Coshow complimented Emerson on his work and presentation. Mayor Meyer thanked him for his work and asked if a time frame for completion is set. It was noted there was no hurry and Mr. Brown shared it could be spring, 2018 at the latest.

The 2018 Salary Ordinance for city employees was next to be considered, which includes a 2% increase. A motion to introduce Salary Ordinance 2017-11 on its first reading by short title only was made by Sirk, seconded by Dyer, and passed. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2017-11 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-11 on its first reading. Seconded by Coshow, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-11 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was carried. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2017-11 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-11 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, the roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-11 for third reading until the October 3, 2017 meeting of the Common Council. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was carried.

Regarding Ordinance 2016-9 which raised water rates by 15% but did not include fire hydrants, municipal drinking fountains, monthly fire protection, and private fire protection. It was shared that Ordinance 2017-10 had been prepared to rectify and include the 15% for these services as recommended by Crowe Horwath, the City's financial advisor. A motion was made by Sirk to introduce Ordinance 2017-10 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was carried. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2017-10 by short title only. A motion to pass Ordinance 2017-10 on its first reading was made by Sirk. Seconded by Fullenkamp a roll call vote resulted in a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2017-10 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried. City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2017-10 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2017-10 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2017-10 for its third reading until the October 3, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed. A motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Coshow to hold a public hearing for Ordinance 2017-10, prior to any action on the Ordinance at the October 3, 2017 meeting. Motion passed.

Mayor Meyer asked for permission to speak to the Logan brothers regarding a building they own along Madison Street. The building could be used for storage and restroom facilities for special events held on Madison Street. A motion to authorize the Mayor to negotiate with the Logan's was made by Coshow, seconded by Dyer, and adopted.

Mayor Meyer gave an update regarding the US 224 project, and shared he had been told completion should be the week of October 9, 2017.

Dyer and Sirk complimented School Resource Officer, Kevin Gerber and other officers handling the traffic at the high school, especially in the rain and with the interference of a semi-driver this week.

City Attorney Baker shared that the Plan Commission had met earlier in the day and had recommended to the Council the rezoning of property owned by Jackie Jaurigue at the corner of Adams and Seventh Street from I1-Industrial to R2 Multi-Family. A motion to have an

Ordinance prepared for the next meeting was made by Dyer, seconded by Fullenkamp, and passed.

Mayor Meyer noted the new employee handbook had been shared with the Department Heads and some suggested changes had been proposed. The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Wendi Gephart, and Mayor Meyer will run through these suggestions with New Focus HR, and present at a future meeting for adoption.

Department Heads:

Police Chief, Greg Cook noted that Sgt. Mark Cook, OPO Coordinator had received \$4,900 for breath testing equipment.

Infrastructure Manager, Don Bergdall announced the ribbon cutting for the St. Mary's Nature Preserve would be at 5 P.M. this Thursday.

Building and Zoning Supt., Curt Witte shared that North Adams Community Schools will have ground breaking next week, and Wendy's restaurant is about two weeks behind schedule, due to a gas line issue.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert shared that heavy trash pickup for the year has been completed. October 6th is the last day for yard waste collection, and next week to ten days they will be doing asphalt patching. Monday, Madison Street between 1st and 2nd Streets will be closed for work with Primco, Inc. It was shared that Washington and First Street would not be permanently repaved until next spring. Lastly, it was shared that Gilbert has been working with Brett Miller on layout plans for the Hanna Nuttman Ball Park, and with the Parks Department regarding a Water Park. Plans should be ready to share in the near future.

Community Development Director, Melissa Norby reported that the Bellmont High School graduates of 2002 in celebrating their 15th year reunion collected and donated \$2,075 for the Patronicity Funding Project for Madison Street Plaza. The fund raising currently totals \$64,728 with 133 donors and will be receiving donations through Friday, September 22, 2017.

Council Members Input:

Coshow shared the Chamber of Commerce event, the Highland Games will be October 7, 2017, and will take place on the area behind Riverside Center, and the Riverside Center parking lot will be used for parking. He also shared the Corey Cox Concert will be held Thursday evening on Madison Street.

Audience member Al Bedwell inquired about Mediacom regarding it being the only system available in Decatur.

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 8:20 P.M.