

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no corrections. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Sirk made a motion to suspend the Council meeting for a Public Hearing. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sirk made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the 2017 Budget. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright handed out a report to the council members showing the 2017 proposed budget totaling approximately \$8.6 million. Also presented was Ordinance No. 2016-12, the ordinance for appropriations and tax rates. The proposed tax rate is \$1.49 per \$100 of assessed valuation (AV), and is calculated at 85% of the current AV. The Clerk-Treasurer explained once the certified AV is received, this will determine what the tax rate will be. The 2017 proposed tax levy is \$4,595,930, which includes the Department of Local Government Finance's (DLGF) estimated property tax caps of \$791,360. These caps are broken down between funds that have a tax rate. The DLGF estimates are a lot higher than what the City's tax caps have been in previous years, but the Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to use the DLGF's estimates, to help alleviate the impact from property tax caps. The Mayor asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments were received.

Councilman Sirk made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sirk made a motion to re-open the Council meeting. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Members discussed whether or not to keep two (2) additional officers in the Police Department's 2017 budget. The Police Chief, Greg Cook informed the members the cost to add a police officer for salary and benefits is approximately \$74,800. The Mayor recommended keeping the amount in the budget for now. Councilman Dyer made a motion to leave the Police Department's budget as presented. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no further comments, so Councilman Collier made a motion to Place the Ordinance for appropriation and tax rates for budget year 2017 on First Reading by short title only. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-12 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. 2016-12 by short title.

Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on Second 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 Table Ordinance No. 2016-12 until the next Council meeting on October 4th. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Bill Slike, from AECOM gave an update on the Interceptor and Relief Sewer Project. He reported the change orders and Pay Application #3 have been approved. The project is going very smoothly. The interceptor is done, next will be the relief sewer. There will be traffic closures in the next couple of weeks on Monroe Street. A portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from the intersection of Monroe Street, and north 1<sup>st</sup> Street to STAR Insurance and south 1<sup>st</sup> Street to The Grainery will be closed. There will only be one lane of traffic on East Monroe Street. The Police Department will help direct traffic, and the Mayor will work with the Chamber of Commerce during the Callithumpian Parade, since the 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot will not be available for this event.

Trevor Hobbs the new Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development Corp., introduced himself and gave his work background and education. Mr. Hobbs will be replacing Larry Macklin.

Mayor Meyer recognized Larry Macklin with a proclamation read by the City Attorney, Tim Baker.

Former Mayor, John Schultz and Mayor Meyer presented Mr. Macklin with a key to City of Decatur. Mr. Macklin was thanked for his many years of dedication to his community, and for his involvement with the Bunge bridge project, and his connection with state officials, and also for working with DNR for the Nature Preserve project.

The Clerk-Treasurer prepared Ordinance No. 2016-13, an ordinance to establish a non-reverting fund for donations and expenditures by the Decatur Fire Department for smoke detectors. The Clerk-Treasurer explained with the Fire Department's Smoke Detector Program has been very successful, and the Fire Department has been receiving numerous donations and would like to have a separate fund to track donations and expenditures pertaining to only the smoke detector program. The Fire Department will still maintain a Fire Donation fund for other donations. The Mayor asked for any comments. No comments were received, so Collier made a motion to Place Ordinance 2016-13 on First Reading by short title only. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-13 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on First Reading. Fullenkamp 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. 2016-13 by short title. Collier made a motion to Pass the Ordinance on Second 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 suspend the rules, and Place the Ordinance on Third & Final Reading by short title. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2016-13 by short title. Collier made a motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2016-13. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

Mayor Meyer received an event form from the Callithumpian Committee of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce to hold Callithumpian Week to begin on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> starting with Fireworks at 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. on Jackson Street, and the Callithumpian Parade on Monday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. The Chamber provided a list of street closings for the event. Dyer made a motion to approve the event and street closings. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor also received an event form from EDz H-D Motorcycle Service & Repair for a Bike & Car Night at 235 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street on Thursday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and are requesting to close a portion of 1<sup>st</sup> Street from the corner of Jackson and 1<sup>st</sup> Street to the corner of Monroe and 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Councilman Sirk made a motion to approve the event and street closings. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received an event form from the Decatur Fire Department for their Open House on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and requested to close a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Madison Street to Adams Street, and Jefferson Street from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Sirk made a motion to approve the Open House and street closings. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert gave an update on curbside recycling, and mentioned that the participation was more than anticipated. There were some container issues, and suggested getting recycling stickers for containers that are not labeled. Gilbert reported 400 totes have been sold. Anyone wanting totes or have any questions can call the Street Department at 724-3356.

The Mayor read a proclamation for Chiari Awareness Week. Heather Hillery is the organizer for the Annual Conquer Chiari Walk to be held on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at Adams Memorial Hospital. More information can be found on their website at [www.conquerchiari.com](http://www.conquerchiari.com).

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby provided information for the Bicentennial Torch relay in Adams County. The Bicentennial Experience is a museum on wheels, exploring the history

of Indiana. This will take place from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street parking lot behind the former City Hall building. There will be a birthday celebration for Indiana at Founders Park from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Mayor announced the torch relay for Decatur will be Brittney Hartman, Larry Macklin, Fritz Bultemeier, Vic Porter, Larry Isch, and John Schultz.

The Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert reported heavy trash was last week, and reminded everyone curbside recycling is every other week. Street paving will begin next week and continue for three weeks. This will be paid from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund, which will pave approximately 17 streets, with more to be done in the spring.

The Mayor congratulated Councilman Craig Coshow for being selected as the new Executive Director of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Coshow thanked the Street Department for supplying mulch around the Chamber Building.

Coshow made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Dyer 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 8:40 p.m.