

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 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 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 18, 2018 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was Police Chief, Lennie Corral as he introduced the two (2) new police officers who recently finished their training at the Academy and are ready to go on their own. Thirty-three year old Luke Rumschlag was the first introduced. Officer Rumschlag is originally from Decatur but has spent twelve (12) years in Indianapolis. Moving back to Decatur in 2017, he noted being hired on to the Decatur Police Department was a dream of his. He shared he is driving with Sgt. Cook through this Friday. Introduced next was Daniel Hunter who recently moved to Decatur, but he has worked in Adams County with the Adams County Sheriff's Department. Each was asked the high point of the Academy and both noted Breakout Week. The downer for Rumschlag was the food and making the bed with square corners was the downer for Hunter. They both shared the new vests were great and that they removed the weight from around their waists and were easy for getting in and out of the vehicles. Mayor Meyer offered congratulations to each new officer.

Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC), appeared before the Council. He reviewed that the Council had approved the application to purchase 18 homes for flood buyouts two (2) years ago as well as the demolition of the Evergreen Assisted Living facility, and were told in April that FEMA funds were not available for the home buyouts, and that Evergreen Assisted Living did not qualify. He noted the City had applied for funding for Evergreen Assisted Living on behalf of the hospital as the hospital could not apply for the funds. It was shared that after the buyout of the facility, the hospital would transfer ownership of the land and parking lot to the City. After in-depth study, Renkenberger learned that FEMA funds were being spent for such things as generators and streets. He also found that \$13 million more had been budgeted by Congress than what had been granted. Senators Donnelly and Young and Congressman Banks had been contacted and Congressman Banks came to Decatur and toured the area. He then contacted FEMA and forwarded an email he had received from FEMA noting the funds would be coming for the buyout of the 18 homes, and that the Evergreen Assisted Living facility now qualified. Since the email, Hurricane Florence has happened and the Region 5 people have been sent to the Carolina's. Thus, the Official Award Letter has not yet been received, so residents have not been approached yet. It is felt the letter will arrive, but the date is unavailable at this time. Renkenberger then proposed three (3) options of 7, 8, or 9 homes for buyouts with funding in 2020-21. He noted there is an end in sight for Decatur is approaching resiliency. Option 1 is to purchase 9 homes at a total cost of \$880,272.00. The FEMA share would be \$660,204.00 with Decatur In-kind match at \$68,500, Decatur Cash match at \$41,534.00, and MRBC match at \$110,034.00. Option 2 is to purchase 8 homes with the total cost being \$778,848.00. The FEMA share would be \$584,136 with Decatur In-kind match at \$61,000.00, Decatur Cash match at \$36,356.00, and MRBC match at \$97,356. Option 3 is to purchase 7 homes at a total of \$697,340.00. The FEMA share

would be \$523,005.00 with the Decatur In-kind match at \$53,500.00, Decatur Cash match at \$33,667.50, and the MRBC match at \$87,167.50. With the difference of \$7,866.50 for Decatur Cash match between the 7 versus 9 buyouts, Coshow made a motion to proceed with application for Option 1, buyout of nine (9) homes. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. It was shared the application will not go in until January, 2019. Mayor Meyer inquired if the waste could all go to the solid waste district or would they need to go other places. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager said it would depend, but either way the costs would be about the same. It was shared that alternates are included for each option in case any originally listed property owner refuses, then the funds would not need to be returned to FEMA. Renkenberger noted a Resolution would be needed at the next meeting on October 16, 2016 so he could proceed with the application.

The next items to be considered were two ordinances to fix the salaries of City employees and the elected officials for the year 2019.

Ordinance 2018-20, an ordinance to set the salaries for City employees was first considered. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-20 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer the motion passed and Mayor Meyer read Ordinance 2018-20 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-10 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call was held and passed by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-20 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Mayor Meyer read Ordinance 2018-20 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-20 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2018-20 for its third reading at the next meeting on October 16, 2018. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2018-21, an ordinance to set the salaries for elected officials was next to be considered. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-21 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed and Mayor Meyer read Ordinance 2018-21 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-21 on its first reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-21 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed and Mayor Meyer read Ordinance 2018-21 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-21 on its second reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 vote for passage. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2018-21 for third reading until the next meeting on October 16, 2018. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to make a matter of record the publication for bids to sell the vacant real estate previously known as Decatur Casting. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. To receive bids began September 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., and will end November 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., to be submitted to the City Clerk-Treasurer at 172 N. 2nd Street.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director appeared before the Council regarding the rules and regulations for use of Madison Street Plaza. A few suggestion had been made. Dyer made a motion to approve the document based on the additions and corrections made this evening. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted. Norby will prepare the final document to be used for future events on the plaza to go along with the event form.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Meyer recognized Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent, in that she only has one more meeting to attend as she is retiring at the end of October. He than introduced Karey Fuelling as he is naming Fuelling as Butcher's replacement.

Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief, Les Marckel invited all to the Fire Departments Annual Open House to be held October 10, 2018 from 4-8 P.M. He shared there will be a display regarding grain bin rescue with Bunge helping by providing grain.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, noted yesterday was the deadline for owners to provide the renter's forms for their rental properties.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, distributed a list of projects completed during the past four (4) weeks. The list included the following: Finished water taps on new 8" main from Monroe Street to Madison Street, replaced and repaired storm line on Grant St. and Park Pl., demolition of the house at 1st and Monroe Streets, demolition of garage at Jefferson and 7th Street, installed new 30" inlet on Mercer Ave. to correct a connection problem on 15" storm sewer line coming out of Highland Park, camera sewer lines on Madison, 2nd Street, 16th Street, and Kemper Lane, and Eastbrook lift station replacement is just about complete, waiting on electrical (AEP).

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager announced yard waste pick up would end on Friday, October 12, 2018 as they prepare to begin leaf pick up.

Mayor Meyer appointed Clayton Smith to the Decatur Housing Authority beginning September 26, 2018 and terminating on December 31, 2020. Sirk made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent, shared a couple of borings had been done at 43 and 38 feet for the placing of the storage tank. Possible sites are on Jackson Street, the composite site, and possibly the jail. AECOM is working up amounts for these three areas. Coshow inquired about Bill Slike of AECOM previous comment on regarding the current walls not being able to hold the tank and asked if there was another option to get an official opinion. Mayor Meyer will contact AECOM to request an official letter stating this.

Council Input:

Sirk noted there is a big week ahead in Decatur with the Highland Games on October 6, 2018 and Downtown Development Week from October 6 to October 13, 2018.

Collier inquired about revisiting the Facebook discussion held on September 18, 2018. He shared he learned that posting can be reviewed before they are posted, or they could not be allowed at all. By consensus, it was decided that all departments should use the information only option without allowing any posting of comments for a trial basis.

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 8:48 P.M.