

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 4, 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 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 emailed the minutes from the September 20 meeting. There were no corrections. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer announced the city had been notified that INDOT had funds of nearly \$80 million to award; and Decatur will be awarded \$2,098,125 for intersection improvement at 5-points. Work would not take place until 2020-2021.

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

Coshow made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Madison Street Grant Proposal. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Community Coordinator Melissa Norby stated the grant for a Madison St. Plaza was for \$500,000 with a 20% match and the grant application was due on October 14, 2016. The Plaza can be used for festival events and would be a connection from the Riverfront Redevelopment to downtown. The City will be notified by December 1<sup>st</sup> if awarded the grant.

Police Chief Greg Cook shared that events held so far have not created any traffic problems, and even out-of-towners would inquire about what was going on and would often stop and participate.

Mayor Meyer complimented Norby on her work on the project and noted if a grant is received, bids will be taken.

A motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Dyer to make the proof of publication for the public hearing a matter of record. Motion passed.

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

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

A motion was made by Collier to introduce Resolution 2016-15 by Short Title Only. Seconded by Fullenkamp. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Resolution by Short Title Only, a resolution authorizing the submittal of the Main Street Revitalization Program application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, and establishing the City's local cash match commitment of \$100,000. Other funding cash match commitments is \$1,000 from Decatur Main Street, and \$170,000 from Adams County Community Foundation (Capital Campaign funds). A motion to approve Resolution 2016-15 was made by Collier, Seconded by Sirk. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Collier to introduce Resolution 2016-16 by Short Title Only. Seconded by Sirk. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Resolution by Short Title Only, a resolution which declares a portion of the downtown area (Madison Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between Jefferson and Monroe Street) as a blighted area in need of redevelopment. A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to adopt Resolution 2016-16. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Collier to place Ordinance 2016-12 on Third and Final Reading by Short Title only. Seconded by Dyer. Motion passed.

City Attorney read Ordinance 2016-12 by Short Title Only, an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for Budget Year 2017. A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Coshow to adopt the Ordinance on its Third and Final Reading. Roll Call showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Collier to introduce Joint Resolution 2016-14 by Short Title Only. Seconded by Coshow. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Joint Resolution by Short Title Only, which authorizes and approves the sale of a surplus vehicle to Adams County, Indiana Corrections Department. A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to adopt the Resolution. Motion passed.

Salary Ordinances were then considered.

A motion was made by Collier to place Ordinance 2016-14 on first reading by Short Title Only. Seconded by Sirk. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Ordinance by Short Title Only, an Ordinance which amends the City's current salary ordinance No. 2015-15, which creates new salaried positions, and bi-weekly pay and funding for an Assistant Operations Manager/Supt, and Crew Leaders, and eliminates an existing salaried position of an Assistant Street Commissioner and reassigns city personnel. A motion was made by Collier to Pass Ordinance 2016-14 on second reading. Motion seconded by Sirk. A roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Collier to place Ordinance 2016-14 on second reading by Short Title Only. Seconded by Sirk. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Ordinance by Short Title Only. A motion was made by Collier to Pass the Ordinance on second reading. Motion seconded by

Sirk. A roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Collier to table Ordinance 2016-14 until the next Council meeting on October 18. The motion was seconded by Sirk. Motion was carried.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to place Ordinance 2016-15 on first reading by Short Title Only. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Ordinance by Short Title only, an Ordinance fixing the salaries and wages for employees of the City of Decatur for the Year 2017. Collier made a motion to pass Ordinance 2016-15 on first reading. A motion to second was made by Sirk. Roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposing.

A motion was made by Collier to place Ordinance 2016-15 on second reading by Short Title Only. A motion to second was made by Dyer. Motion passed. City Attorney read Ordinance 2016-15 by Short Title Only. Collier made a motion to pass Ordinance 2016-15 on second reading. Sirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Sirk to table Ordinance 2016-15 until the next Council meeting on October 18. The motion passed.

Upon motion by Dyer, seconded by Sirk it was approved to pay Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) not-to-exceed \$10,000 to administer the grant for the Nature Preserve project from the CEDIT fund. Motion passed.

Collier made a motion to place Ordinance 2016-16 on first reading by Short Title Only. Seconded by Sirk, motion passed. City Attorney read the Ordinance by Short Title Only, an Ordinance which amends Chapter 77 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, Schedule VIII – Speed Limits, for the purpose of reducing the maximum speed on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street between US Hwy 27 (13<sup>th</sup> St.) and Central Avenue to 25 mph. Collier made a motion to pass the Ordinance on second reading. Sirk seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposed.

Collier made a motion to place Ordinance 2016-16 on second reading by Short Title Only. Sirk seconded the motion. Motion passed. City Attorney read the Ordinance by Short Title Only. Roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposing.

A motion was made by Collier to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2016-16 on third and final reading by Short Title Only. The motion was seconded by Dyer and passed. A motion was made by Collier to adopt Ordinance 2016-16 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Sirk. Roll call vote showed Collier, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk voting in favor, none opposing.

Since Ordinance 2016-16 lowered the speed limit as requested by Bunge, Bill Karbach noted that since the City was helping Bunge it might be a time to approach Bunge General Manager to initiate a quiet zone for the rail traffic. The Mayor will notify Bunge of his recommendation.

Input from Department Heads:

Fire Chief, Les Marckel shared that he was notified of a \$17,000 grant to 10 counties. He will be sending 6 representatives to South Bend for swift water rescue training over the next 3 years. He also reminded people to be aware of harvest in full swing and urged them to give the farm equipment a little rest. He shared the Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 12 from 4-8 p.m. in observance of National Fire Prevention Week. The flag will be flown at half mast on October 9 in honor of firefighters who have lost their lives. He invited people to stop in on the 12<sup>th</sup> as they will be serving snacks.

Community Coordinator Melissa Norby shared she had made application with State Farm for a grant to purchase 20 additional hearing impaired fire alarms. She should hear the results of the grant by the end of the year. She also suggested people with questions about the recycling should call her.

Mayor Meyer thanked Norby for all her work in the arrangements for the Bicentennial Celebration.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert noted that of the 18 streets selected for paving, they were down to 8 with possible paving to take place Friday. Gilbert noted yard wastes pickup will end on October 14. He shared that week 2 of recycling had been very successful. They are looking into a possible computer program to help keep track of those using recycling to find out where more education may be needed. The program is being worked in conjunction with Hank Mayer and the Adams County Solid Waste Management.

Input from Council Members:

Dyer shared congratulations to Vic Porter on his being inducted into the Hall of Fame (boating).

Sirk thank Melissa Norby for all of her planning for the Bicentennial Celebration.

A motion was made by Coshow and seconded by Fullenkamp to allow the claims as presented. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Coshow and seconded by Sirk to adjourn. Motion passed. Adjournment was at 8:23 p.m.