

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2015

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. Roll call was taken to show, Councilmen Cam Collier, Bill Crone, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp and Ken Meyer 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 had emailed the minutes from the September 15th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the previous meeting, council members passed Ordinance No. 2015-12 on First and Second Reading, an Ordinance for appropriations and tax rates for budget year 2016, totaling \$8,349,200. Mayor Schultz asked for any comments from the public. No comments were received, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent. The City Attorney read the Ordinance by short title.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2015-12, seconded by Dyer. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2015-12 was Collier, Crone, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Also at the previous meeting, council members passed Ordinance No. 2015-13 on First and Second Reading, an Ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Decatur to reflect the general rezoning of real property within previously zoned B-1, B-2 and B-3 zoning classifications to C-1, C-2 and C-3 zoning classifications. Mayor Schultz asked for any comments from the public, no comments were received.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent. The City Attorney read the Ordinance by short title.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2015-13, seconded by Crone. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2015-13 was Collier, Crone, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared Ordinance No. 2015-14, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur which authorizes the promotion of economic development and tourism within the City of Decatur pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-3 and 36-7-2-7. Mayor Schultz asked for any comments from the public. No comments were received.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-14 on First Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-14 on Second Reading. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2015-14 until the next Common Council meeting on October 20th, seconded by Dyer. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer prepared Ordinance No. 2015-15, an ordinance fixing the salaries and wages for employees of the City of Decatur for the year 2016. The ordinance includes a 2% raise. Mayor Schultz asked for any comments from the public. No comments were received.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Crone and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-15 on First Reading. Crone seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Fullenkamp and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-15 on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2015-15 until the next Common Council meeting on October 20th, seconded by Dyer. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz reported he is in the process of soliciting quotes for property and liability insurance for next year renewal.

Election Day will be the same day as the Board of Public Works & Safety and Council meeting, so the Mayor asked Council if they would want to change the day of the meetings. Dyer made a motion to change the meetings to Monday rather than Tuesday. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will post and notify the media of the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting to be on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the Common Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Mayor received the annual street closings for the Callithumpian Parade on Monday, October 26th. Crone made a motion to approve the street closings. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Decatur Fire Department submitted an event form to close a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Jefferson to Adams Street and a portion of Jefferson St. from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street for their Open House from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Crone made a motion to approve the street closures. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz reported Kristi Sturtz of Sturtz Public Management Group is working on Decatur's Downtown Plan, and will need to be completed before November 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow Kevan Biggs time to complete

an application for housing credits. In order to do this a Special Council meeting will need to be scheduled, which will only address the Downtown Plan. Meyer made a motion to schedule the Special Council meeting for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Utilities Director, Dan Rickord announced Water Utility Asst. Supt., Bill Carpenter was presented the "Prime Mover Award" at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) conference for his 38 years of service. Everyone applauded Carpenter.

Mary Byer requested approval to have a social event "Let's Paint", a painting lesson/carry-in including wine by the participants for the North Adams Arts Council on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at their new location. Crone made a motion to approve the request. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Byer who is in charge of changing the artwork being displayed in the lobby of City Hall, announced the artwork this month is from St. Joseph's Catholic School art class.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported the Belmont High School art class decorated pumpkins and are displayed in Founders Park, and thanked Mark Bulmahn who donated the bales of straw, and Chad Hunter for selling the pumpkins to Decatur Main Street at cost.

Councilman Collier announced a Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 p.m. at Riverside Center for an update on the Stellar Communities debriefing, with a presentation from John Sampson of Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership.

The City Attorney reported one (1) offer was submitted by PIP, LLC for 90% of the average of two (2) appraisals for the former City Hall property, the environmental study and the extra parking were not included with the offer. The Board of Public Works & Safety members approved the offer at the September 29<sup>th</sup> Special Board of Works meeting. The closing on this property to be on or before October 29<sup>th</sup> or three (3) days after financing.

The Mayor announced Teddy Bessesen was selected by the Board of Works members to fill the vacancy of a police patrolman. Mr. Bessesen will be required to have further testing done by the PERF board before hiring, once approved, then he will go to the police academy.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert informed everyone that the last day for grass clipping to be picked up will be on Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Leaf collection will begin on Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dyer made a motion to make the proof of publication of Ordinance No. 2015-11, an ordinance establishing a fee to be charged by the street department for disposing demolition concrete a matter of record. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Crone made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.