

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2019

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 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 Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney, Tim Baker.

The Mayor invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 1, 2019 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was Louise Ray of Decatur who requested permission to place a number of holiday banners on downtown city light poles during the upcoming holiday season. Mrs. Ray shared that three (3) or four (4) different banners would be used. Sirk made a motion to approve Louise Ray's request. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Mrs. Ray was thanked for her contribution to the City.

Resolution 2019-8, a resolution honoring Sharon Braun, a 38-year employee of the City, who is retiring from the Building & Planning Department effective October 31, 2019 was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2019-8 in its entirety. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Resolution 2019-8 in its entirety. Following the reading, Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-8. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted and a copy of the resolution was presented to Sharon Braun. Mrs. Braun introduced her family who attending the meeting, and thanked the City for her years of employment.

Third reading of Ordinance 2019-14, an ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for the year 2020, was then considered. There were no comments from the public, so Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-14 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-14 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-14 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote passed by a 5-0 vote and Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-14 has been adopted.

Ordinance 2019-15, an ordinance providing for the Capital Improvement Plan for 2020 and 2021, was next considered. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-15 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-15 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-15 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-15 has been adopted.

Ordinance 2019-16, an ordinance which amends Chapter 78 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 to establish a police parking only parking zone on Third Street between Court Street and Madison Street, and establishes limited parking on the west side of Second Street between Madison Street and Court Street, was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-16 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-16 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-16 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk

made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-16 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-16 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-16 on its second reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote followed with 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-16 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-16 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-16 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Fullenkamp, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-16 has been adopted.

Ordinance 2019-17, an ordinance which amends Chapter 77 Schedule VIII of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 for the purpose to establish a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on a portion of Monroe Street from 28<sup>th</sup> Street intersection to west of city limits, was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-17 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-17 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-17 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 2019-17 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-17 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-17 on its second reading. Seconded by Coshow, a roll call showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-17 until the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Collier, the motion was carried.

Ordinance 2019-18, an ordinance which amends Schedule V of Chapter 77 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, establishing one-way southbound travel on a portion of an alley bordered by Monroe Street, First Street, Madison Street and Second Street (in the parking lot behind City Hall) was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-18 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-18 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-18 on its first reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote was held and passed with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made motion to place Ordinance 2019-18 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-18 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-18 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2019-18 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-18 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-18 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote and Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2019-18 has been adopted.

Ordinance 2019-19, an ordinance to amend Chapter 151 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 in its entirety regarding Building Code Standards, was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-19 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-19 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-19 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-19 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-19 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-19 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and resulted in passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-19 until the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

Ordinance 2019-20, an ordinance which amends Section 150.357 (A) of Chapter 150 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 regarding Commercial Building Permit Fees, was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-20 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-20 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-20 on its first reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote showed 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-20 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-20 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-20 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held with a 5-0 passage. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-20 until the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried.

Ordinance 2019-21, an ordinance which deletes Section 150.263 (J) and amends Section 150.264 of Chapter 150 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 regarding Mobile Home Park requirements was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-21 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-21 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-21 on its first reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2019-2 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2019-21 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2019-21 on its second reading. Seconded by Collier, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-21 until the next City Council meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed.

With the official date of the first Council meeting in November being Election Day, Sirk made a motion to change the date to Monday, November 4, 2019 with the Board of Works meeting at 6 P.M. and the Council meeting at 7:30 P.M. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

#### Department Heads Input:

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported that the Open House held recently at the Fire Station was a great success. He also shared there would be Fire Department Chili during the Callithumpian Parade on October 28, 2019. Chief Marckel reminded City residence that burning in the City was allowed for recreational purposes only with a fire ring. He cautioned people to be careful with fall clean up and to be aware of farm machinery and to slow down.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, shared that things are going well at the new water plant and is ahead of schedule, and hopefully tonight the new water main should be tied in on High Street.

City Attorney shared that he had phone calls today regarding the sewage refunding bonds and the savings projected at \$359,000 is actually \$383,000.

Councilman Collier asked regarding the extension of time for the Southeast Elementary School building, which has been suggested at the October 1, 2019 meeting. Mayor Meyer shared he had contacted North Adams and was told that the time had expired and that North Adams had already sent a letter to the state. However, Mayor Meyer noted that some interest had been expressed regarding the building and after the time for the Charter School option is up, the City could talk with North Adams again. Collier inquired about the brick wall on the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Monroe Street. He was informed that the footers had to sit until the brick could go up. Collier mentioned that the Decatur Main Street Design Committee should be notified of Mrs. Ray offer of the holiday banners downtown.

The Clerk-Treasurer had received an event form from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce for street closings for Callithumpian events to be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28th. Sirk made a motion to approve the street closings. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Fullenkamp the motion was adopted.

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:24 P.M.