

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 16, 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, 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 2, 2018 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda were the 2019 Salary Ordinances. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-20, an ordinance fixing the salaries and wages for City employees for the year 2019, on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer the motion passed and City Attorney, Tim Baker read Ordinance 2018-20 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-20 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, roll call vote was held and passed by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Meyer announced that Ordinance 2018-20 has been adopted.

Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2018-21, an ordinance to establish the salaries to be paid to the elected officials for the year 2019, on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed and City Attorney Baker read Ordinance 2018-21 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-21 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 2018-21 has been adopted.

Resolution 2018-22, a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Decatur, Indiana authorizing a local match commitment for a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program grant, was brought forth. The City desires to apply for a grant to acquire nine (9) floodprone properties. The City's cost share commitment to be \$41,534.00, and \$68,500.00 in-kind match by utilizing the City of Decatur's Street Department equipment and staff to perform the demolition of homes purchased via the FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant Program. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-22 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer. The motion was passed. City Attorney Baker read Resolution 2018-22 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-22. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Mayor Meyer announced that Resolution 2018-22 has been adopted.

Next considered were two (2) event forms. The first event form presented was for the Annual Callithumpian Fireworks and Parade. Attached to the event form was a list of dates and street closings. Also, Coshow requested that the wagon being used for the presentation of the band awards be allowed to move from Second Street to the Madison Street Plaza to make it easier for clean up after the parade, and to have the busses on the 1st Street parking lot, and for the Madison Street restrooms be open. A motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Fullenkamp to approve the street closings and to waive the fees for the Chamber to use the Madison Street restrooms. All were in favor, motion carried.

The second event form was for the Christmas Tree Lighting event to be held on Sunday, November 25, 2018. The request asked for the closing of Second Street from Madison to Jefferson Streets from 3:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. It was noted some signatures were still needed and approval was granted pending the signatures. A motion was made by Dyer to approve the event and street closing and to waive the restroom fee to use the Madison Street restrooms for the event. Seconded by Coshow. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Meyer announced the date of August 3, 1981. He then shared it was the date Anne Butcher, Superintendent of the Wastewater Department was employed with the City of Decatur. Butcher is attending her final Council meeting as an employee as she is retiring on October 31, 2018. Resolution 2018-23 was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2018-23, a resolution honoring Anne Butcher for her years of service to the City of Decatur, in its entirety. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed. City Attorney, Tim Baker read Resolution 2018-23 in its entirety. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-23. Seconded by Coshow, the resolution was adopted and signed and presented to Butcher.

Anne Butcher thanked the Council for the recognition and thanked her employees, the Department Heads, the Mayor and Council and Board of Public Works and Safety members for their help and support throughout the years.

Everyone congratulated and gave their best wishes to Anne Butcher as she retires.

Department Head Reports:

Chief of Police, Lennie Corral shared the officers would be using No Shave November as a fund raiser for the Hanna Nuttman Project and the Police Department's Christmas party. Each would be paying \$30 to participate and he shared the Sheriff's Department was also participating. They will probably be a contest to find the best beard at the end of November. The Council, by consensus, gave their support to the effort.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that yard waste collection ended last Friday and leaf collection is to start. He noted a lot of projects are wrapping up in the next couple of weeks and they are preparing the equipment for winter.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, shared she would be attending the statewide Art Conference put on by the Indiana Arts Commission held in Fort Wayne this Friday and would be sharing Decatur's story.

Collier 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 Collier, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 8:01 P.M.