

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2015

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 20, 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 Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. City Attorney, Tim Baker was absent.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 6th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kristi Sturtz of Sturtz Public Management Group presented a draft of the Downtown Revitalization Plan. The plan is required to receive funding through OCRA, for streetscapes and Main Street, and to have a revitalization plan for housing lofts downtown. The plan will be available on the Decatur website for public view. A committee was formed to work with Sturtz in developing the plan. Sturtz explained what is in the plan. Council members were given a list of task and goals, which were developed through an evaluation of citizen input, background research and evaluation conducted throughout the development of Decatur's Downtown Revitalization Plan. The list is to provide direction to implement the plan through strategies, tasks, responsible parties, costs, and potential funding over the next ten (10) years. Mayor Schultz announced there will be a Special Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 27th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers to adopt the plan. The reason for the Special Council meeting is to have the plan adopted prior to November 2nd, to allow Kevan Biggs of Biggs TC Development, LLC to seek a housing grant for the development of downtown housing lofts.

Kristi Sturtz was also hired to develop a Capital Improvement Plan for the City, which will be presented to council members soon, now that Stellar wasn't awarded.

At the previous meeting, Council passed Ordinance No. 2015-14 on two readings, an Ordinance of the Common Council which authorizes the promotion of economic development and tourism within the City of Decatur. Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent. Mayor Schultz read the Ordinance by short title.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2015-14, seconded by Dyer. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2015-14 was Collier, Crone, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

At the previous meeting, Council passed Ordinance No. 2015-15 on two readings, an ordinance fixing the salaries and wages for employees of the City of Decatur for the year 2016. Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Fullenkamp and passed by consent. Mayor Schultz read the Ordinance by short title.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2015-15, seconded by Collier. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2015-15 was Collier, Crone, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

The Clerk-Treasurer prepared Ordinance No. 2015-16, a capital improvement plan for the City of Decatur for calendar years 2016 and 2017, with monies received from County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT). Mayor Schultz read the projects and cost to be funded, \$56,000 – FEIMA 2015 Flood Mitigation Grant Program, \$90,000 – to the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, \$94,000 – promotion/development of economic development projects, \$100,000 – City sidewalk program, and \$660,000 – Capital Improvement Projects. 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 2015-16 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 Crone and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-16 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 2015-16 until the next Common Council meeting on November 2nd, seconded by Dyer. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor appointed Richard Stimpson to fill the vacancy of Fred Schultz on the Decatur Parks Board beginning October 20, 2015 and terminating December 31, 2017. Collier made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported she is the grant administrator for a \$220,000 OCRA grant to support Connect to Careers. The 20% match has been committed by Adams County and the City of Decatur, Berne and Town of Geneva and Monroe. The grant application is due by this Friday. The City will be lead applicant, with Connect to Careers carrying out the activities. Norby presented Resolution No. 2015-17, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Decatur, which authorizes the Submittal of the WDP application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, which commits local match funds of \$74,000.00. Collier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-17. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor reminded everyone the next regularly scheduled council meeting will be moved from Tuesday (Election Day) to Monday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Also, a Town Hall meeting will be held at Riverside Center on Wednesday, Oct. 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to review the Stellar process.

Mayor Schultz informed everyone that Winchester Street will be closed from Village Green Drive to Highway 27 for repaving from October 26th through October 30th.

The Mayor announced the Decatur Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an after hours at the new Police station on November 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Schultz congratulated Councilman Collier on his new baby girl.

The Mayor thanked Max Miller and the Historical Society for the Halloween events they hosted.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel encouraged no burning, due to the dry conditions. He reported there have been three field fires in the County today. The Fire Chief also reported approximately 600, 4th graders are scheduled to go through the Survive Alive house and Safety Park.

Plan/Building Supt., Roger Gage announced Allied Recreational Group (ARG) received final approval from the Plan Commission for their proposed project on Patterson Street.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert informed everyone that leaf collection has started this week.

Crone made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Dyer 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.