

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Monday, November 2, 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.

A notice was properly posted and the media notified that the regularly scheduled meeting was changed to Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the Municipal Election being on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the October 27<sup>th</sup> Special Common Council meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

First on the agenda was the final reading of Ordinance No. 2015-16, a capital improvement plan for calendar years 2016 and 2017 from revenues received from County Economic Development Income Tax (CEDIT). There were no comments received, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Crone and passed by consent. The City Attorney read the Ordinance by short title.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2015-16, seconded by Dyer. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2015-16 was Collier, Crone, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby handed out information on the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center's annual "Ideas@Work" event that was held in April, which raised over \$104,000 to help student entrepreneurs and Northeast Indiana grow. NIIC is now requesting commitments for 2016. Table sponsor is \$750.00. Collier made a motion to commit \$750.00 for 2016 from common council's promotional account. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported the Volunteer Fire Department has been awarded a \$500 grant from the Adams County Community Foundation for flags. The Fire Department has been responsible for placing the American flags downtown, but will need additional monies for maintaining the flags of approximately \$200. The Fire Chief reported he has budgeted these funds in the fire department's budget.

Building Supt., Roger Gage had submitted a request to the Clerk-Treasurer to establish a cash change fund for his department to allow him and his secretary to make change when collecting building permits and such. The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented Resolution No. 2015-19, a resolution of the Common Council authorizing and establishing a cash change fund for the Building and Planning Department in the amount of \$50.00. Dyer made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2015-19. Crone

seconded the motion. Motion carried. Collier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-19, Meyer seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. None opposed.

At the October 20<sup>th</sup> Board of Public Works & Safety meeting, members had approved a quote from Master's Heating and Air for \$8,960.00 to replace the boiler at Riverside Center. Due to the necessity to replace the boiler, and not enough funds was included in the Parks & Recreation's budget, the Clerk-Treasurer requested to pay for the boiler from the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) fund. Dyer made a motion to approve paying the boiler from the CCD fund. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested approval from Council to continue the annual Decatur Dollars to City employees for 2015. \$30.00 for full-time, and \$20.00 for part-time. Totalling \$2,540.00. Dyer made a motion to approve the Decatur Dollars to be paid from common council's budget. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz thanked Mike Gumm, Mary Friedt, and Linda Morris for all their work for a successful Callithumpian.

City Engineer, Nate Rumschlag reported the Board of Public Works and Safety members approved a service contract with Kristi Sturtz of Sturtz Public Management Group at their meeting to move forward with annexing two areas, several properties on North Winchester Road and three properties on Winchester Street, which will include the new Adams County jail. The majority of these will be supervoluntary annexations. The contract with Sturtz PMG is not to exceed \$12,500.00. The City Engineer will help Sturtz with the annexations to help keep the cost down. Collier made a motion to approve paying the services from the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) fund. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert reminded everyone not to burn leaves, there is no burning in city limits.

The Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert, reported that he and Bill Karbach are updating the sign ordinance to limit parking on the west side of 11th Street from Jackson St. to Nuttman Avenue, and will notify home owners of the change.

Councilman Meyer complimented Barb and Greg Fleming for the improvements they have made on the former Craig property on the corner of Jackson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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 at 7:59 p.m.