

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2020

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 7:15 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and Attorney Anne Razo, who was sitting in for 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 20, 2020 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was a couple of event forms. The first event form was for a wedding on Madison Street Plaza on Saturday, May 22, 2021 setup to begin 9:00 a.m., and teardown time 12:00 a.m., and are estimating up to 500 people. They are requesting to use restrooms, electricity and the sound system. The Department Heads have signed the event form. Coshow made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The second event form was for the Christmas Tree Lighting event held by Cathee Graves and Louise Ray on Sunday, November 29, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the event will be a drive-thru event from 6-7 P.M. at the Courthouse. A request was to close 2nd Street starting at 5 p.m. for the event. Children will be given books and gifts via their cars. Coshow made a motion to approve the Christmas Tree Lighting event and the street closing. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The next item discussed was providing Decatur Dollars to the full-time and part-time employees as a Christmas bonus. Dyer made a motion to increase the amount for this year from \$30 to \$50 for full-time employees, and from \$20 to \$25 for part-time employees, to be paid from Common Council's promotional account. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

It was announced that the Pennsy Depot received a grant of \$6,500.00 for repairs to the Depot, and the Public Arts Commission received a grant of \$2,000.00 for sculpture maintenance from the Adams County Community Foundation. Sirk made a motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright to sign the paperwork required to receive the grant funds. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Sandy Collier and the women with the Pennsy Depot and those groups who wrote support letters were thanked for their work in applying for the grant. Also, Susan Roe was thanked for applying for the grant for the Public Arts Commission.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright informed Council that the use of the CARES Act funding has changed. Originally the State required a separate CARES fund to be established and to pay any items related to the COVID-19 health emergency from this new fund, if any expenses were paid from any other funds, a reverse entry had to be done to correct the expenses to be paid from the new CARES fund. Now per the US Treasury and State guidance, payroll expenses for Public Safety employees are now eligible for reimbursement. The Indiana Finance Authority will reimburse these expenses first before anything else previously submitted or expended, then once the grant funds are received, Council will need to pass a resolution to transfer the grant funds received into the CARES Act Fund to the General fund. After the transfer is done, the Council can pay for other expenses

related to the COVID-19 health emergency. A Resolution will be presented to Council at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Lennie Corral thanked the Council Members for the increase in the Decatur Dollars Christmas bonus. He also announced that Officer Dennis Bosler will graduate from the Academy next Friday.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 7:32 P.M.