

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 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 were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the November 1, 2016 meeting. There were no corrections. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert gave an update regarding the Sewer Project. He had spoken to Greg Fleming and was told they were in the final stages of putting in the last piece at the corner of First and Monroe Streets. They plan to lay pavement yet this week. Lots of miscellaneous projects will continue. Primco will be in town the week after Thanksgiving to do sidewalks that should take a week or so. Then a lot of housekeeping will occur such as grading in various locations. They hope to have all machinery moved out by the second week of December. April/May are anticipated to be the completion date. The original finish was by the end of the year but they started late, so the timeline has been worked out between Fleming's and the City. Gilbert had great praise for Fleming regarding the work they have done saying they have done a tremendous job. They stayed late a few nights to make certain things were good for the residents.

Wastewater Supt., Anne Butcher reported Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) #9 has been cemented shut and there are now only 2 CSO's remaining compared to 17 in 1982. She noted Decatur should be proud of what the City has accomplished. Butcher said flow monitoring will continue and will be done in the spring. Bond monies will pay for screening at CSO #11, which will be the next phase. She also noted how fortunate the City was to have a local business like Fleming's and for being the low bidder for the Interceptor and Relief Sewer Project.

Mayor Meyer shared New Focus HR which had been named to work on updating the job descriptions also suggested updating the policy and procedures manual. They shared that in March of 2015 there has been 20 some law changes in that month alone. A motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Fullenkamp to go ahead with the handbook at a cost of \$2,800 and a yearly fee of \$99 to update each year. Motion passed.

The Mayor announced the annual Spotlight on Decatur is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017, and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce is requesting the City to continue their sponsorship at a cost of \$1,500 towards the event. A motion was made by Collier to contribute \$1,500 to the event. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. Councilman Coshow abstained from voting, due to being the Executive Director for the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Meyer announced an inter-local agreement for a Storm Water Manager needs to be drafted as the Adams County Commissioners and the Adams County Council have agreed to share an employee with the City.

Input from Department Heads:

Roger Gage, Building and Zoning Supt. reported that the last of the flood homes to be purchased through the HMGP Buyout Grant will be done by the end of the month. Demolition of the homes will be completed by the Street Department in December.

The Mayor and Jeremy Gilbert will attend a pre-construction meeting for the raising of 224 on Wednesday morning, November 16, 2016.

A motion was made by Coshow and seconded by Dyer to allow the claims as presented. Motion passed.

Prior to the end of the meeting it was noted that a meeting had recently been held at the hospital as a result of \$5,000 HCI Hometown Collaboration Initiative Grant. The group will be meeting for training, fact gathering and hopefully involving a number of people. Plans include getting more volunteers involved and at the end there is hope to having a project. It was suggested the Greater Decatur group should profit from the work.

There being no other business to come before the Council, Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Coshow seconded the motion which passed.

Adjournment was at 8:00 p.m.