

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 17, 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, and Tyler Fullenkamp were in attendance. Councilman Ken Meyer was absent. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the November 2nd meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker, explained during the most recent legislative session, Public Law 230, Senate Enrolled Act 393 amended the existing Indiana Code 5-4-1-18 effective January 1, 2016 concerning official bonds and bond coverage. The minimum bond amounts per statute for the Clerk-Treasurer is \$30,000 per \$1,000,000 of receipts. The bond must be at least \$30,000, but not greater than \$300,000 unless approved by the fiscal body. Employees of the city whose official duties include receiving, processing, depositing, disbursing, or otherwise having access to funds must also be bonded. The City Attorney prepared Ordinance No. 2015-17, which list separate bonds and bond amounts for the Clerk-Treasurer at \$300,000, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Utilities Director and Utilities Clerks at \$30,000, Redevelopment Commission members at \$15,000, and Police and Fire Pension Secretaries at \$10,000, and a blanket surety bond of \$5,000 for all other employees. Each bond will be secured annually for one year. Mayor Schultz asked for any comments, Councilman Dyer asked how much the bonds will cost. The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright informed him the bond for the Clerk-Treasurer currently for \$100,000 is \$350, with the bond amount at \$300,000 will cost \$850.00 a year. Dyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Crone and passed by consent.

Collier motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-17 on First Reading. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. The roll call was four (4) members voting in favor and none against.

Dyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Crone and passed by consent.

Crone motioned to Pass Ordinance 2015-17 on Second Reading. Collier seconded the motion. The roll call was four (4) members voting in favor and none against.

Dyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2015-17 until the next Common Council meeting on December 1st, seconded by Crone. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported on the recent grants that were awarded from the Adams County Community Foundation. The Decatur Fire Department received \$500 for new American flags, the City of Decatur received \$475 for brackets for banners to be placed around 5-points intersection, and Decatur Main Street received a \$500 grant for parking signage.

Mayor Schultz requested to move the location of the bike rack from Madison Street to the Old 27 Ice Cream Shop on the corner of 2nd and Jefferson Street, so it can be more visible. Dyer made a motion to approve moving the bike rack. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz made a request to donate a booth for Spotlight to the Belmont Art Class, by consensus, the booth donation was approved, and will be paid from common council budget.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert announced leaf collection will continue until December 4th.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby invited council members to a flag retirement ceremony at the Scout Cabin at Hanna Nuttman Park on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Melissa Norby reported that OCRA has delayed their announcement if the City will be awarded the grant for funding Connect to Careers until December 3, 2015.

Melissa Norby reported the Decatur Main Street board members approved the purchasing and moving the "Let Freedom Ring" sculpture from the Adams Community Foundation to Founders Park. Once local donations are collected to purchase the sculpture, then the sculpture will be moved to the park.

Melissa Norby handed out brochures of the Decatur Christmas Open House to be held on November 20-21, 2015. Norby also requested closing the alley next to the Wood Door Salon at 238 N. 2nd Street on Saturday, Nov. 21st from 12 noon-3:00 p.m. for Santa's reindeers. Dyer made a motion to close the alley. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel, who is also the chairman for the EMA Advisory Board reported the board recommended to the Adams County Commissioners to reappoint John August as EMA Director for another year.

Mayor Schultz requested permission to use council funds to decorating the City Hall lobby with a Christmas tree and wreath. Crone made a motion to approve up to \$2,000 from common council's budget. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, Collier made a motion for adjournment. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.