

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2018

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 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 was Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright and 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 November 20, 2018 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on Monday, November 26, 2018. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Prior to taking any action on Ordinance 2018-22, Mayor Meyer noted he would like to present an update regarding work at Cottonwood Estates Mobile Home Park. He shared a contractor from Huntington had been hired and started work today and ran into a gas leak. NIPSCO shared that Mr. Kos, owner, had not asked for the gas to be shut off. It was shared it usually takes 35-40 days for NIPSCO to shut off the gas but they agreed to retire the gas sometime early next week. Mr. Kos continues to blame others. Mayor Meyer had previously talked with Josh Heck of Indiana Trailer Sales who is planning to purchase a majority of the property to see if he had any issues with delaying the third reading of Ordinance until the December 18, 2018 meeting. Mayor informed Council that Heck was acceptable to delaying the final action on the ordinance. Fullenkamp asked why it would be beneficial to delay the final reading to rezone the property. The City Attorney informed the Council that by delaying the final reading until the next meeting would put more pressure on Mr. Kos to get things done, and for Mr. Kos to get his delinquent utility bills paid from the proceeds of the sale of the property, which would also allow the attorneys' more time to see that this gets done. Dyer made a motion to table Ordinance 2018-22 for third and final reading until December 18, 2018. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed with a 4-1 vote with Sirk voting no.

As a result of the Executive Session held on Monday, November 26, 2018, it was noted a Public Hearing needs to be held for the possible purchase offer for 822 Dayton Street, the location of the former Decatur Casting. Coshow made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on December 18, 2018 for the purpose of considering an offer for the 822 Dayton Street property. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, brought forth an Event Form for a possible winter event on Friday, December 21, 2018 from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. and requested the use of the restroom and electricity. A variety of types of events are being considered. They are proposing to do something to see how things work in the winter. A test run to see if people would support a winter event. If it does not work out, the Event Form will be cancelled. Dyer made a motion to approve the Event Form and waive the fees. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief, Lennie Corral shared the new officer, Dan McGill will be sworn in next Monday.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel noted the Fire Department's Christmas party is December 12 at Riverside Center. The family event will start with dinner at 6 p.m. and Santa arriving around 7 p.m. He invited the Council members to attend.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, shared he has been busy with a lot of building going on this year. He shared the North Adams School is coming along well, Woodcrest is moving along beautifully and the Geneva Bank and Three Rivers Credit Union are progressing as is the storage units at the former K-Mart site. He also shared Country Brook apartments is progressing well, and Kelley's plans are to start soon.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, noted he is working on disconnecting lines in Cottonwood Estates.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, noted they hope to have leaf pick-up completed by December 14, 2018. With the weather they have had to use alternative methods for pick up. He also shared they may need to do some leaf pick-up in March or April for those not collected this fall.

Gilbert reported the sound system equipment for Madison St. Plaza that was approved on November 20, 2018 is on its way and they are trying to get a majority of the work done before it gets much colder. They would like to have it completed, if possible, before the holidays.

Gilbert also shared he had met with INDOT representatives regarding the Community Crossings Matching Grant Award.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, encouraged people to visit the lobby as 23 quilts had been donated by Karla Barger with the sales going to the Hanna Nuttman Project. She also noted the City has a tree at the Community Foundation and encouraged votes. If the City's tree gets the most votes the prize money will be put to the Hanna Nuttman Project. Also, Mind's Eye Graphics is still selling shirts and so forth with \$10 from each sale going to Hanna Nuttman.

Norby shared she has been asked to serve as a panel member for the Prosperity Indiana Summit scheduled for January 30, 2019 in Indianapolis. The Summit is being put together by Patronicity of Indiana which assisted Decatur in raising funds for the Madison Street Plaza.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared a couple of meetings ago that when they worked on closing out the Nature Preserve Grant various restricted covenants and deeds were needed to be updated. It was recently found that when the River Greenway was created, deeds and easements which were required did not have restricted covenants. Baker is currently working on trying to get all of the covenants updated. It was shared there will be invoices from Surveyor, Brett Miller of Miller Land Surveying for two (2) legal descriptions, and Baker is working on the other legal descriptions.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright shared that the State Board of Accounts is here auditing the City for years 2014 through 2017, and is estimating to be completed by December 20, 2018.

Council Input:

Sirk noted he would like to take a moment for the death of President George W H Bush to recognize his work for our Country.

Coshow noted the Chamber of Commerce had purchased 3,000 lights for downtown buildings.

Collier shared he is working on getting information regarding the possibility of an Arts Commission which he introduced last meeting. He plans to provide an outline for consideration at a future meeting.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Dyer, 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 8:22 P.M.