

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 20, 2016

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 December 6, 2016 meeting. There were no corrections. Sirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Slike Engineer from AECOM provided an update regarding the LTCP Phase 3 Interceptor Replacement and Relief Sewer project. He noted there were a few items to do yet this winter as one item, a stop log, needed to be done before substantial completion. He noted everything will be operable by the end of January. They would then return in the spring to do the remainder of the work such as seeding. He shared that the project was about 6 months ahead of schedule and under budget. There is one more phase and in that there will be a great amount of monitoring through which they'll learn of any needs in order to finish everything.

Clerk-Treasurer Whitright requested approval to encumber funds for various departments from 2016 budget to be paid in 2017. The encumbrances are as follows: General fund – Police Dept. \$1,900.00 four gun racks for police vehicles, Fire Dept. \$4,664.37 two sets of bunker coats and pants, \$3,839.00 laminate counter tops at fire station, \$2,802.50 concrete sidewalk behind the fire station, \$1,950.00 balance to develop job descriptions and employee handbook – Total General fund = \$15,155.87. MVH-Street fund \$5,500.00 equipment trailer, LOIT-Public Safety fund \$27,144.00 partial payment for fire grass truck, \$100,786.42 three police vehicles. Total of all encumbrances \$148,586.29. Sirk made a motion to approve the encumbrances. Fullenkamp abstained from voting due to submitting a quote for the laminate counter tops at the fire station. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2016-18 which dealt with a number of transfers between appropriations within department budgets was then considered. A motion to introduce Resolution No. 2016-18 by short title only was made by Dyer, seconded by Collier, and passed. The Resolution was read by short title only by City Attorney Baker. A motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Collier to adopt Resolution No. 2016-18. Motion passed.

Mayor Meyer then noted INDOT plans to repave Monroe Street in fiscal year 2018 and the city would like to complete the streetscaping in 2017 in order to have it completed before the repaving occurs. An amount of \$150,000 has been budgeted for the project in the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD fund). A motion was made by Dyer to sign an agreement for professional services with Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR) for the Monroe Street sidewalk improvements project totaling \$20,000.00. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed. The

sidewalk improvements are approximately three blocks of Monroe Street from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to the St. Mary's River Bridge.

A motion was made by Dyer, seconded by Fullenkamp, and adopted to make a matter of record the certificates of appointment for the following appointees to various Boards and Commissions:

Decatur Redevelopment Commission--1 year terms, January 1-December 31, 2017

Mayoral appointments: Rex Hinsky, Ron Storey, and Max Miller

Council appointments: Larry Isch and Craig Russett

Alcoholic Beverage Commission--1 year term, January 1-December 31, 2017

Patrick "Pete" Braun

Board of Zoning Appeals--4 year terms, January 1, 2017-December 31, 2020

William Stuckey, Dennis Scheumann, and John Schultz (replacing Bill Lynch)

Decatur Park Board--4 year term, January 1, 2017-December 31, 2020

Joan Siefring

Decatur Housing Authority--4 year terms, January 1, 2017-December 31, 2020

Dean Fuelling, Charles Abel, and Richard "Jack" Macklin.

A motion was made by Dyer and seconded by Coshow to make a matter of record those who had signed and filed Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for 2017. Motion passed. The Clerk-Treasurer will upload the completed Conflict of Interest Statements on Gateway as preferred by the State Board of Accounts, and also a copy will be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county.

Each Elected Official signed annual certifications that they have not violated the City's Nepotism Policy as required by statute.

A motion was made by Sirk and seconded by Dyer to make it a matter of record acknowledging that City Attorney Tim Baker is also legal advisor to the Adams County Solid Waste Management District. Motion passed.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported that he had attended the meeting of the Solid Waste Board and that the solid waste fees will be increased from \$42.20 to \$42.92 per ton in 2017. A motion was made by Coshow and seconded by Sirk to approve the transfer station contract and the Certificate of Compliance that the Solid Waste District and the City of Decatur are both enrolled in the E-Verify Program and does not hire persons ineligible to work in the United States. Motion was adopted.

Mayor's Report:

In his comments Mayor Meyer noted that the 224 project is off and running. He then wished all a Merry Christmas.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Greg Cook thanked the Council for the Decatur Dollars for members of the department.

Fire Chief Les Marckel thanked Council for the Decatur Dollars for his employees. He announced that the VFW had presented the department with a check for \$1,200 for the smoke

detector program. He also shared that Bunge had gifted the department with a ground monitor valued at approximately \$5,000.

Building and Zoning Supt., Roger Gage shared they are awaiting abatement for the houses on Parkview Drive which they hope to take down the first of the year.

Sewage Department Superintendent Anne Butcher noted appreciation for the Decatur Dollars.

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert thanked all for the support given throughout the year. He noted he had been working with Brett Miller and is getting ready to get bids for the work on Master Drive. He also shared he had met with INDOT personnel regarding the 224 project and they hope to get more signage and directions out regarding the detour.

City Attorney Tim Baker shared they had been successful in closing with Community Family & Services property, so the city now has possession of the wetlands area.

#### Council Input/Concerns:

Councilman Dyer questioned the striping on 224/Monroe Street at the entrance into Stratton.

Councilman Coshow gave a special thanks to Greg Kitson who used his radio advertising to raise funds for the city's Christmas lights. He also shared that Bunge had purchased \$30,000 of Decatur Dollars which showed their support for the Decatur businesses. He also thanked the Department Heads for all their support throughout the year.

Councilman Sirk shared that serving on the Council for the first year he had found it a pleasure work with all the Department Heads.

Councilman Collier shared that he is excited about all the plans in the works.

Coshow made a motion to pay the claims. Councilman Fullenkamp recused himself due to his company having a claim. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

Adjournment was at 8:19 p.m.