

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 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 Councilwoman Barb Engle and Councilmen Charlie Cook, Bill Crone, Matt Dyer, and Ken Meyer were in attendance. City Attorney, Tim Baker was also present.

The Clerk-Treasurer had mailed the minutes from the January 22nd council meeting. With no additions or corrections offered, Dyer made a motion for approval of the minutes as mailed. Cook seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced the demolition of the Decatur Casting building has been started and should be completed by the end of the month.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker presented the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Adams County and the City of Decatur concerning the demolition of the Decatur Casting buildings and redevelopment of the real estate, which was signed and approved at the Board of Works meeting. The City Attorney read Resolution No. 2008-1, a resolution for the Common Council to approve the terms and conditions of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, and the Common Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to execute all documents. Meyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-1, Engle seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The mayor received a request from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce to donate \$3,000.00 toward Spotlight on Decatur. Police Chief, Ken Ketzler and Joan Eichhorn, Stormwater Manager will have a booth to promote their departments. Cook made a motion to approve the donation. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz requested using \$2,500.00 from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund for designing the Decatur Website. Meyer made a motion to approve using CCI funds, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Projects over \$150,000.00 need a wage committee to establish wage rates. The City has two (2) projects, the Sewer Separation and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, and the Industrial Park Phase III Project. Council members will need to appoint two (2) members to the Common Wage Committee. Mayor Schultz recommended Tom Garner representing the taxpayer, and Fred Isch representing Industry. Cook made a motion to approve both appointments, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor announced at the Board of Works meeting the members accepted resignation letter from Deputy Police Chief, Jeff McIntosh who will be retiring from the Decatur Police Department on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Schultz reported the City of Decatur may have to cut services, or personnel, or raise taxes due to property tax reform. The mayor received figures from IACT, which shows Decatur

could lose over \$200,000 in revenue in 2009 and another \$200,000 in 2010. The mayor has been keeping in contact with State Representative Mike Ripley about his concerns.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler announced his department is taking applications until Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for a police patrolman.

Les Marckel, Fire Chief reported the new backup generator will be on line Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

City resident, Jim Franze questioned what will be done if the soil is contaminated at the Decatur Casting site. Mayor Schultz informed Mr. Franze the county will apply for a Brownfield Grant.

City resident, Emily Franze inquired about plans for the Decatur Casting site. The mayor responded once the property is cleaned up the property will be placed on the market.

Engle made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Engle made a motion for adjournment. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.