

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 19, 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 February 5th 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.

John August of Emergency Management Agency handed out an After Action Report of the Flood from 2/6/08-2/11/08 to the council members. August also presented a Proclamation for Severe Weather Preparedness Week for March 2-8, 2008, which Mayor Schultz signed.

Hank Mayer of Adams County Solid Waste District was present to encourage the city to purchase a sandbag machine. Mayer passed around a photo of the machine and suggested some improvements to the machine, such as, adding a catwalk and grating, but overall was impressed with the performance of the machine during the flood. The machine is built locally by Universal Metalcraft, Inc. The cost, which includes the catwalk and grating improvements is, One (1) at \$5,289.00 each, or two (2) or more at \$4,408.00 each. Mayor Schultz tabled the recommendation to purchase a sandbag machine until he can research which fund can be used to make this purchase.

Art Ehinger and John Caton of Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. were present to introduce themselves and to request the city to consider their firm on future city projects.

The mayor was notified by letter from the North Adams Community Schools Supt., Wylie Sirk for the Decatur City Council members to appoint a new school board member to District 3, which is the Civil City of Decatur. Gary Giessler presently holds this seat. The appointment must be made sixty (60) days prior to July 1st. The term of office will be from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. Meyer made a motion to set the deadline for applications to be taken to the Clerk-Treasurer's office by March 14th at 4:00 p.m. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2008-2 was prepared, an ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2007-5, to add a position and wages for a Maintenance Specialist to the Parks & Recreation Department for the Year 2008. There were no comments, so Dyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

Dyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2008-2 on First Reading. Meyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

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

Dyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2008-2 on Second Reading. Meyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2008-2 until the next Common Council meeting on March 4th, seconded by Cook. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Cook made a motion to correct the number of Resolution No. 2008-1, which was adopted on February 5, 2008 pertaining to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement of the Decatur Casting property should read as number Resolution No. 2008-3. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced the Decatur website is under construction, but can be viewed at, www.decaturing.org.

Cook made a motion to make the proof of publication a matter of record for the Notice of Intent letter to notify the IDEM of the city's intent to comply with requirements to discharge storm water from construction activities for the Decatur Industrial Park Development Phase III project. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler reported the mayor appointed Greg Cook Deputy Police Chief, and the Board of Works members will be interviewing for a new sergeant to replace Cook. He also reported February 20th is the last day the police department will be accepting applications for a police patrolman.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep announced a Pre-Construction meeting will be on Monday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m. at City Hall with Era Vildivia Contractors (EVC) for the Water Tower Project.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reported Heavy Trash pickup begins first full week in March. The Street Department will be working on potholes as weather permits.

Wastewater Supt, Anne Butcher passed out maps of where the Combined Sewer Separation Project – Phase II will take place.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported his department will begin new tree planting in mid March.

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

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.