

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 1, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 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, Councilmen Charlie Cook, Bill Crone, Matt Dyer and Ken Meyer were in attendance. 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 meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from February 15th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz received a request from the Chamber of Commerce for the City to help sponsor the Spotlight event to be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor explained the City donated in previous years \$3,000, but last year council reduced the amount to \$1,500 due to revenue losses. Engle made a motion to approve donating \$1,500 from the common council fund. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared Ordinance No. 2011-1, an ordinance amending Chapter 75 of the 2007 City Code of Ordinances to amend the speed limits on Winchester Street from intersection from US Highway 27 (13<sup>th</sup> Street) to West property line of Wal-Mart or a distance of 1242 feet to maximum speed of 30 mph, and Winchester Street from 1242 feet west of Intersection from US Highway 27 (13<sup>th</sup> Street) to West to City Limits or a distance of 1749 feet to maximum speed of 45 mph. Councilman Cook was concerned with the 45 mph, and questioned if the speed limit could be lower than 45 mph. Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert recommended changing the speed limit to what the speed study showed, and to pass the ordinance to reflect these speed limits. The City Attorney suggested if there are concerns with the 45 mph that maybe posting a sign reflecting the reduce speed limit. There being no other comments, Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2011-1 on First Reading. Cook seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

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

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2011-1 on Second Reading. Cook seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2011-1 until the next Common Council meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Engle. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz thanked the departments involved with the flooding on US Highway 224 East. Mayor reported the possible raising of US Highway 224 East wouldn't take place until 2014. Mayor also reported the roads that were closed due to flooding were posted on Decatur's Facebook page.

The Mayor and Roger Gage, Building Supt. had met with Gene McKean concerning the parking issue of his vehicle being parked at Hanna Nuttman Park area. Both the Mayor and Gage remarked that McKean was very cooperative and he will make sure his vehicles are not parked in Hanna Nuttman Park during ball games.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler reported he contacted local vendor, Computer Age Technologies as requested by council to see if they could match the price for new computers from CDWG. The local vendor came within \$20, so Ketzler made the purchase locally with Computer Age Technologies.

Mayor Schultz has been receiving complaints about dogs, so he reminded everyone to be responsible and also be respectful to clean up after their pets. Steve Krull, Parks & Rec. Supt. also commented that someone had been bitten by a dog on the Rivergreenway Trail, and reminded everyone to please walk dogs on a leash.

Jeremy Gilbert, Street Commissioner reminded drivers to please obey the high water signs.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for the City of Decatur Annual Financial Report a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kyle Eichenauer, Civil Engineering and Architecture teacher from Belmont High School was present to explain a project that will be completed by Belmont School students. The project will include designing a commercial building, parking, access to site, landscaping, and other items to complete the site. Eichenauer is asking for ideas and suggestions to help the City of Decatur and show the residents what a revitalized area could look like in the future. Anyone with ideas can email Eichenauer at [eichenauerk@nadams.k12.in.us](mailto:eichenauerk@nadams.k12.in.us)

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. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.