

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 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 Bill Crone, Matt Dyer and Ken Meyer were in attendance. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Councilman Charlie Cook was absent.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the March 3rd council meeting. There were no additions or corrections offered so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Crone seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Heather Eichhorn representing the Decatur Small Business Association requested closing a portion of Madison Street from the alley to 2nd Street, on Saturday, April 4th to promote local shopping in Decatur. Eichhorn passed out flyers for the Decatur-wide event to begin April 2 through the 4th. Dyer made a motion to grant permission for the street closure. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor reminded citizens to keep vehicles off the grassy areas in the Parks.

Amendments were discussed at the Board of Works meeting to the School Resource Officer Program. There were no further comments, so Engle made a motion to approve the SRO Program, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The amendments were discussed at the Board of Works meeting for the job description for the School Resource Officer. Crone made a motion to approve the job description for the SRO, also to add the SRO to the Police Department patrol officer job description. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor was informed by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for victims of severe weather are urged to report damage by calling 1-866-210-1925 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this will begin the process for reimbursement. The Mayor commented there are eight steps to go through before a claim may be reimbursed.

The Mayor announced he has been working with the Storm Water Manager and the Wastewater Supt., and Asst. Supt. and Commonwealth Engineers about the current flooding downtown. These departments are currently working on minor repairs, and the engineering firm is working on a proposal for the major repairs.

Police Chief Ketzler reported his department has received numerous animal complaints, owners should have animals on leashes if outdoors. Ketzler also reported more crime in the area, urged people not to leave valuables in vehicles, even if vehicle is locked.

Jim Inskip, Water Supt. reported Friday, March 20th a flow test will take place for a proposed sprinkler at the courthouse.

Steve Krull, Parks & Rec. Supt. reported the copula will be put back up on the Courthouse on Friday, March 20th at 9:00 a.m. Krull also reported the City of Decatur was successful on receiving a Tree Grant for \$7,500 to replace the diseased ash trees.

Chris Krull, Parks & Recreation Leisure Services Director handed out flyers to promote spring break activities sponsored by the Decatur – Adams County Parks & Recreation Department. Krull also reported on December 19, 2008 the Virginia Graeme Baker law requires an audit of city pools; this will cost approximately \$800. Two drain covers will need to be installed costing \$1,800, and \$3,100 for improvements to the gutter (holding) tank. Krull suggested running an ad for donations for these upgrades to the pool. No action was taken at this time.

Councilman Crone complimented Storm Water Manager, Joan Eichhorn on her display about littering at the Spotlight on Decatur event.

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

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7.55 p.m.