

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, March 18, 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 March 4th council meeting. With no additions or corrections offered, Cook made a motion for approval of the minutes as mailed. Dyer seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Steve Carter of Umbaugh & Associates was present to discuss the financing for Phase II of the Wastewater Utilities Improvements Project. The project is estimated not to exceed \$10 million. This project will be funded through a State Revolving Fund Loan, similar to the Phase I Wastewater Project. The rate for the bond should be between 3.5% - 4% and payoff to be in 2029. At the May 6th council meeting the sewage rate ordinance will be presented, and the Public Hearing to adopt the rate ordinance will be May 20th. The closing of the SRF loan will be in June 2008.

Mayor Schultz announced Ice Miller LLP, attorneys of Indianapolis, employed by the City as bond counsel, had prepared a bond ordinance for consideration by the Council in the matter of financing construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works of the city.

Mayor Schultz then announced this is a requirement from EPA and IDEM for the city to make these improvements. There were no questions, so Mayor Schultz stated that it would now be in order for the Council to consider said ordinance.

Councilman Ken Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Barb Engle and passed by consent.

City Attorney, Tim Baker then read the bond ordinance by short title, an Ordinance of the City of Decatur authorizing the issuance of sewage works revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of certain additions, extensions and improvements to the sewage works of said City, providing for the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Councilman Meyer made a motion to Pass Ordinance No. 2008-3 on First Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Engle, and on call of the roll was carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Nays:
Charles Cook	None
Bill Crone	
Matt Dyer	
Barb Engle	
Ken Meyer	

Councilman Meyer made a motion to have the Ordinance read a second time by title and the opportunity be given for amendments. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Engle, and on call of the roll was carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Nays:
Charles Cook	None
Bill Crone	
Matt Dyer	
Barb Engle	
Ken Meyer	

Councilman Meyer made a motion to have the Ordinance Tabled for Third and Final Reading at the April 1st Council meeting. Councilwoman Engle seconded motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to give the Optimist Club permission to close Jackson Street to have a circus from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9th. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced there are five (5) applicants for the North Adams School Board Appointment. The applicants are Keith Blythe, Bob Thomas, Phillip Geimer, Tim Wilson and Gary Giessler. Council members scheduled interviews to be held on Wednesday, April 2nd beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Council members will then vote at the April 15th council meeting.

The mayor attended a Substance Abuse Awareness meeting and encouraged anyone to get involved. Police Chief, Ken Ketzler also remarked with more public involvement this may make a difference.

The mayor signed a Proclamation for Flood Safety Awareness Week for March 19-23, 2008.

City resident, Phil Geimer suggested creating a reservoir near the Indiana-Ohio line could help hold water to prevent flooding. Councilwoman Engle informed Geimer to contact Rod Renkenberger of the Maumee River Basin Commission.

Mayor Schultz handed out a list of local committees to the council members, with times, place and dates of when the committees are being held.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported the Quitclaim Deed from Bunge for easements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project has been recorded.

The City Attorney also reported a letter will be sent to owners of all industrial sites within the city limits to remind owners when new companies move into these sites to obtain special exception use permission from the Decatur Board of Zoning Appeals. This becomes a public safety issue, since new industry may store potential dangerous materials without knowledge of nearby residents.

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

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