

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 5, 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 March 15th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Cook made a motion to make the Water Line Easement and Dedication from North Adams Community Schools Corporation to Stoppcoco, LLC and the City of Decatur, and also the Grant and Dedication of Permanent Easement between Stoppcoco, LLC and the City of Decatur a matter of record. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Stan Stoppenhagen will be constructing an apartment complex on the corner of Everhart Drive and Rod Street.

Engle made a motion to make the proof of publication for Ordinance No. 2011-1, amending the speed limit on Winchester Street along Industrial Park III a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cook made a motion to make the proof of publication for the CSO Communication Notification a matter of record. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the State will be repairing the railroad tracks again on 13th Street.

WZBD Radio requested permission to close Jackson Street to hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt behind Riverside Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday April 23rd. Crone made a motion to approve the street closing. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There will be another Community Garden this year located a short distance from the city limits on US Highway 33. Mark Grieshop donates the land for people to plant vegetables and produce. Darren Winters who oversees the garden, was present and advised anyone who participates in planting a garden should not bring their pets with them. Anyone interested in planting a garden should contact Darren Winters at 517-6108.

The Board of Works members previously approved at their meeting to proceed with a CFF Clearance Grant to demolish the former street department building on 3rd Street, with approval from Council to allow the expenditure of \$6,000 from the CCD fund for preliminary engineering for the grant application. Mayor Schultz mentioned the building has become a safety issue, and needs to come down. The City's portion of the grant is approximately \$90,000.00. By going through the grant process, they would take care of the environmental issues, and hauling away the materials properly. The total grant is approximately \$450,000. Dyer made a motion to approve applying for the grant to remove the building and to use the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) fund to pay the City's portion of the project. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Wightman Petrie is the firm who provided the estimated cost to tear down the building, and the grant writer is Matt Vondran from NIRCC.

The Board of Works approved at their previous meeting to allow Parks & Recreation Supt. Steve Krull permission to purchase new lawn mowers with the recommendation from Council for the expenditure to be paid from the CEDIT fund rather than the Parks & Recreation fund. Cook made a motion to approve \$9,006.00 for mowers to be paid from the CEDIT fund. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert announced he has sent out letters to homeowners who live on 7th Street. Beginning April 11th, the City will enforce that no parking will be allowed on the west side of 7th Street, so fire trucks can easily drive through that street.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler announced on April 1st, the new police officer, Chris Everett was sworn in, and also Mark Cook as sergeant replacing Tim Berkshire who retired from the Police Department as of March 31, 2011. Officer Corey Hamm is currently at the Police Academy.

Congratulations went to Police Chief, Ken Ketzler who was awarded by the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, William Sudbury Memorial Leadership Award for most consistently exemplifying the highest standards of leadership.

The Board of Works members at their previous meeting approved a grant application for Safe Routes to Schools, with recommendation to Council approving the expenditure of \$4,000 to Fleis & Vandenbrink for engineering services to be paid from the CEDIT fund. Engle made a motion to approve the \$4,000 be paid from the CEDIT fund. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 7:55 p.m.