

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 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 Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from March 16th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer also emailed the minutes from March 30th Special Common Council meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Special Common Council meeting was held on April 6th to interview applicants for the North Adams School Board. The applicants interviewed were Bob Thomas, Tim Klingensmith, Dennis Brunner, Phillip Geimer, Doug Anderson, Tim Ehlerding, and V. Jane Drummer. Mayor Schultz explained the procedure for selecting the school board appointment, stating each council member will be asked who they want to appoint, if for example, the vote is 2-2-1, the person with one vote would be eliminated and then another vote will be taken until one applicant has three (3) votes. The roll call vote showed Cook, Crone, and Engle voting for Tim Ehlerding, and Dyer and Meyer voting for Tim Klingensmith. Due to Tim Ehlerding receiving three (3) votes, Ehlerding will replace Curt Rash on the North Adams Community Schools Board for a term of four (4) years. The Mayor will inform the North Adams Supt., Wylie Sirk of the Council member's decision.

The Mayor received a request from the Decatur Small Business Association to close Madison Street between 2nd & 3rd Street on Saturday, April 10th from 11 a.m. to 4:00 pm. for Teri & Bill's Ballroom Dancing, and dancing from Razz-M-Jazz Studio. Engle made a motion to approve the street closing, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ray Bodle handed out flyers to promote the Mayors Ride 21st Annual Abate of Indiana on Sunday, June 6th. The ride starts at 11:00 a.m. and will be coming from Fort Wayne on US Highway 27, and end Downtown Decatur. They will have a stunt show again and also a Tiny Tots Course. Bodle was instructed to complete an event form so City Departments can plan for the event.

At the Decatur Plan Commission meeting, they unanimously approved the rezoning for St. Mary Catholic Church for the Diocese of Fort Wayne and South Bend to rezone Lot numbers 119 & 120 across from the church on 4th Street and also the east 38 feet of Lot number 118 along the alley on Madison Street from R-1 Residence to B-2 General Business. Councilwoman Engle remarked there were no objections to the rezoning, so Meyer motioned to Place Ordinance No. 2010-2 on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

The City Attorney then read the Ordinance by short title, and Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2010-2 on First Reading. Cook seconded the motion. 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 2010-2 on Second Reading. Engle seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2010-2 until the next Common Council meeting on April 20th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced since Dan Rickord has been appointed as Utilities Auditor he can no longer serve on the Plan Commission Board or the Board of Zoning Appeals since he cannot hold more than two lucrative positions. The Mayor has appointed Stephen D. Hakes to serve on the Plan Commission Board effective April 6th, and terminating on December 31, 2010, and also the Board of Zoning Appeals effective April 6th and terminating December 31, 2011. Cook made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Supt., Roger Gage reported his office is accepting city residents who would like to be in the Sidewalk Program for this year.

Roger Gage also reported the participation on the Census in Adams County is at 72%. Census forms are available at City Hall in Decatur, Berne and Geneva, and also the Decatur Library for anyone who hasn't received a form in the mail. Letters will be mailed to anyone who hasn't returned their Census form, and then on May 1st will begin going door to door.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reminded everyone heavy trash is this week. Items that will not be picked up are large home improvements, such as, roofing, vinyl siding, carpeting, and appliances with Freon. Appliance will be picked up if the Freon is removed. Monday, April 12th begins yard waste collection.

Board of Works member, Bill Karbach thanked Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert on an excellent job on replacing old street signs with reflective signs. Gilbert commented this is a Federal requirement to replace the signs over a period of time. Gilbert also thanked Karbach for his many hours updating street signs in the city.

Councilman, Charlie Cook thanked all the applicants who applied for the North Adams Community Schools Board.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.