CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 20, 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 April 6th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Parks & Recreation Dept. purchased five (5) mowers totaling $9,006.00 and is requesting to pay for the mowers from the CEDIT fund as suggested by H.J. Umbaugh & Associates in the City's Strategic Plan to purchase large equipment from the CEDIT fund to help increase the cash balances in funds that operate with property tax revenue. Crone made a motion to approve paying the mowers from the CEDIT fund, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There were no questions or comments on Ordinance No. 2010-2 for rezoning Lots number 119 & 120 on 4th Street and also the east 38 feet of Lot number 118 along the alley on Madison Street for St. Mary Catholic Church for the Diocese of Fort Wayne and South Bend from R-1 Residence to B-2 General Business, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2010-2, seconded by Engle. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2010-2 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

The City Attorney prepared signage Ordinance No. 2010-3, amending and updating various Sections of Chapter 72, 73, 76 and 82 of the Decatur City Code of Ordinances in order to authorize the placement of appropriate traffic control signs or devices to regulate traffic at intersections, one way streets, truck routes, and no passing zones of streets and/or alleys located within the City of Decatur. Exhibits are attached. There were no objections to the ordinance, so Meyer motioned to Place Ordinance No. 2010-3 on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

The City Attorney then read the Ordinance by short title, and Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2010-3 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 2010-3 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 2010-3 until the next Common Council meeting on May 4th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Gary Harvey from the American Legion, Adams Post No. 43 requested permission to have a parade in conjunction with the Annual Memorial Day Services on Monday, May 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Cook made a motion to grant permission for the parade. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Brown, the County Census Coordinator handed out a report on the Adams County Census showing the participation rates as of April 20, 2010 for the National, State, Cities & Towns, and Townships.

Mayor Schultz read a thank you letter to the council members from Tim Ehlerding for appointing him as a member of the North Adams School Board. Cook made a motion to make the letter a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced former Decatur Mayor, Fred Isch is in Adams Memorial Hospital for blood clots in his lungs. Mayor Schultz visited Isch and reported he is doing very well and asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported the ladders for the fire trucks have been certified another year.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep announced hydrant testing will begin Monday, April 26th.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reported yard waste collection began this week, and reminded city residents, not to place yard waste in the street. Yard waste needs to be in a container or bagged. Gilbert also reported mulch is available for loading at the compost site on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

Councilman Dyer announced if any resident needs to contact him, his new mailing address is 135 Limberlost Trail.

Mayor Schultz will be leaving for a mission trip to Haiti for a week with other members from St.Mary's Church. Councilwoman Barb Engle will serve as Mayor Pro Tem, until the Mayor returns on Thursday, April 29th.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.