

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 21, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 21, 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 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 the April 7th council meeting. Cook made the motion to correct the date in the heading of the Common Council minutes. Dyer seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

An agreement with Northeast Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) was signed by the council members and the mayor not to exceed \$3,500 to pursue a grant application for a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Decatur. Council members approved this expenditure at the April 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The Mayor reported to alleviate basement flooding downtown, two new storm sewers will be installed. One will be in the alley that runs between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street behind the old First State Bank building with an estimated cost of \$26,000, and the other project will be on 1<sup>st</sup> Street from the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church to Rugg Street, approximate cost \$30,000. These projects will be paid half from Storm Water Department and the other half from the SRF loan.

The Mayor announced there will be a Special Council Meeting on April 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers to discuss 2010 budgets.

Wes Kuntzman, Director of Decatur Chamber of Commerce requested permission from council for the Chamber to hold a Farmer's Market downtown around the courthouse. Preliminary plans are to hold the event from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on either Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. By consensus, council had no objections to promote this event.

The Mayor thanked Jim Compton, United Way Director in pursuing a Lilly Endowment grant for the city to help pay the city's share of \$19,561.56 for the storm damage in June 2008.

City Attorney, Tim Baker handed out a drafted letter to Larry Macklin, Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation expressing that the Decatur Common Council is in support of obtaining Site Certification for Industrial Park III-A site for new economic development. The Council members reviewed the letter; no corrections were made, so Engle made a motion to approve the letter written by the City Attorney, Crone seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Bellmont Students, Madison Gross and Anthony Stebing from the Substance Abuse Awareness Council attended the meeting.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler explained the portable speed control, which the Police Department and Street Department will be using for traffic studies. Ketzler commented this device will not be used to make an arrest, if there is a problem with speeding, he will place a patrol officer in that area.

Jim Inskeep, Water Supt. reported hydrant flushing and main testing begins next week.

Councilman Dyer commented he was approached by United Way Director, Jim Compton about having a Community Garden. The Mayor remarked that Parks & Recreation Supt., Steve Krull also brought up the idea at the last Department Head meeting. No decision was made.

Councilman Dyer also asked for an update on the cleanup of Dwayne's Sweeper Shop. The Mayor will check with Building Supt., Roger Gage and report back to council.

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.