

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 3, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 3, 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 and 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 April 19th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Eguia, organizer of the Fireworks Display was present to receive permission to close a portion of Jackson Street on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the fireworks. Equia announced this will be the 19<sup>th</sup> year for the fireworks, and they will be honoring Sergeant, Philip Jenkins and Bob Bombka. Donations can be made at Fifth Third Bank. Eguia has completed an event form, which has been approved by the City Department Heads. It was also agreed that fireworks by Decatur residents will be allowed through Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Engle made a motion to approve the street closure. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright prepared Resolution No. 2011-1, a resolution authorizing a local match commitment for a sign modernization, sign replacements project grant to INDOT. The City's portion of the grant is approximately \$29,100, with Federal grant funds of \$261,900. Meyer made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2011-1, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. City Attorney, Tim Baker read the resolution by short title only. Meyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-1, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2011-2, an ordinance to close the Park Non-Reverting fund and transfer the remaining cash balance to the Parks & Recreation Operating fund was passed on First and Second Reading at the previous meeting. There were no comments, 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 2011-2, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2011-2 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Ordinance No. 2011-3, an ordinance amending Chapter 92, Section 92.01 (B) Nuisances of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances to include a definition of a vehicle deemed to constitute a public nuisance. The Ordinance was passed on First and Second Reading at the previous meeting. There were no comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2011-3, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2011-3 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported the Board of Works members approved a quote from Emergency Radio Service, Inc. (ERS) to upgrade the VHF radio equipment for \$5,971.45. This upgrade is to meet narrow banding requirements. The quote is for Motorola equipment which is compatible with the current equipment at the fire department. Crone made a motion to approve the expenditure from the Fire Department's budget. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a request for financial support to the Kekionga Festival. Crone made a motion to donate \$200 from the Mayor's promotional fund. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joan Eichhorn, Storm Water Manager reported the Storm Water Department and the Parks Department are working together to install a rain garden at Riverside Center. This will help slow storm water pollutants. Signs will be posted to explain the rain garden.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel asked to remember Portland Fire Chief, Matt Aker in their prayers who was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Board of Public Works & Safety, Board member, Bill Karbach reported the Operation Cleanup Project will begin, and is asking for cooperation from the public.

Councilman Dyer mentioned that there was a good turnout for Congressman Pence who held a public meeting at Riverside Center, with over 200 people in attendance. City Attorney, Tim Baker added that he encourages citizens to voice their opinions to their representatives for any Legislative changes.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright reported the Department Heads are beginning to prepare their 2012 budgets. Whitright asked to budget new police vehicles in the police department's budget, or from the CEDIT fund. By consensus, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to budget the new vehicles to be paid from the CEDIT fund for 2012.

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 7:57 p.m.