

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 4, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 4, 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 20th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

First on the agenda was the Final Reading for the signage Ordinance No. 2010-3, an ordinance amending Chapters 72, 73, 76 and 82 of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances. There were no comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2010-3, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2010-3 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

City Attorney, Tim Baker introduced Parking Ordinance 2010-4, the ordinance amends parking zones, limited parking, handicap parking, snow routes, oversized vehicle parking, drop off containers, and penalties. Also, included in this ordinance is the increase for over two hour parking from \$2 to \$5, and if violation isn't paid within 48 hours the fee goes from \$10 to \$25. Handicap parking violation paid after 48 hours increased from \$10 to \$25. Unpaid parking violations filed with the court, an additional \$50 will be added. Unpaid parking tickets that go to trial, a \$100 fine will be added, plus court cost. There were no other comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2010-4 on First Reading. Engle seconded the motion. The 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 2010-4 on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2010-4 until the next Common Council meeting on May 18th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a letter from the 4th of July organizers that stated there would be no fireworks this year, due to conflicting events at Riverside Center.

Mayor Schultz explained the recent loud train engine whistles are due to train crews making deliveries in Decatur at night since deliveries cannot be made in daytime hours due to the work on the bridge project near Bunge. Rich Rumpel, a city resident who lives near the railroad remarked the noise is coming from engine 505, not any other engine. The Mayor reported the construction should be completed this Saturday, if the whistle blowing continues, then the Mayor will contact the railroad company.

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

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.