

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 5, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 5, 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 21st council meeting and the April 22nd Special Council meeting. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a request for a donation toward the Kekionga Festival for \$400.00. Council was in agreement to allow half the donation amount of what was given the previous year, so Dyer made a motion to approve \$200.00, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will be paid from the mayor's promotional fund.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend the meeting with the County Council at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioner/Council room on Wednesday, May 13th. Professor Larry DeBoer will attend and give a presentation on the LOIT tax. To abide by the Open Door Law, the City Attorney advised the Clerk-Treasurer to post a notice of this meeting, since there will be a majority of the council members attending.

The Mayor announced Ball State University has been authorized to call residents to obtain necessary income information needed to apply for a grant to be used to update the City of Decatur's Comprehensive Plan.

The Mayor also announced the Census Bureau will be obtaining information from the public. This information is very important to Decatur, since this is how certain revenues are calculated for the city.

The Mayor thanked the City Attorney, Councilwoman Engle, and Councilman Meyer for reviewing and updating the city code of ordinance book.

Joan Eichhorn, Storm Water Manager reported letters have been mailed out to businesses and residents downtown who still have storm water connections to the city's sanitary sewer system. These will be disconnected to alleviate some of the basement backup.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project is 85% complete with a target date of July 1st for completion.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported DNR held a public meeting to inform the public about installing a small boat launch on Kekionga Lake. Very few people attended the meeting, DNR wanted to submit a permit, but Krull wants to discuss this with the Park Board, and then will set a public hearing at Riverside Center for public comments. Councilman Meyer commented he was approached by a resident if the boat launch could be installed at Belmont Pond. Krull explained that Belmont Pond isn't

deep enough, where Kekionga Lake is 13-14 feet deep. Krull encouraged the public to attend the public hearing to discuss any concerns they may have.

The Parks & Recreation Department will have a Touch a Tractor this year on June 6th, if anyone is interested in displaying their tractor, they can call Riverside Center.

The Parks Department will also have a triathlon at Belmont High School on Saturday, June 20th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Steve Krull requested closing streets around the school during the triathlon. Krull commented that everyone has been contacted in the area, but if anyone has any questions, they should contact Riverside Center. Engle made a motion to approve the street closings, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reported the street repairs from the CSO project will be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.

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. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.