

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 17, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 17, 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, Bill Crone, Matt Dyer and Ken Meyer were in attendance. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Councilman Charlie Cook was absent.

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 May 3rd meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer also emailed the minutes from May 10th Special Board of Public Works & Safety/Common Council meeting. There were no corrections, so Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Eguia was present to request a donation toward the fireworks on Fourth of July. Engle made a motion to approve a donation of \$375.00; \$125.00 from the Mayor's promotional fund and \$250.00 from the common council fund. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jan Smith and Bob Tricker from American Legion were present to request permission for a parade downtown for Memorial Day on Monday, May 30th. Meyer made a motion to approve the request. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also requested was to close Court Street for Memorial Day ceremonies from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dyer made a motion to approve the street closure, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported installing the new park equipment at American Legion Park was very successful. Approximately 50 volunteers helped with the project. Krull thanked West End, Next Page and Heyerly's Ice for donating food, coffee and ice. Other future improvements to the park will be a solar flag, walkways, benches and lighting.

In order for the City to purchase the building on the corner of 2nd and Monroe Street, a resolution will need to be adopted expressing an interest to purchase the property. Once the resolution is passed the City will have the property appraised before the City can purchase the site. If the City purchases the property, quotes will be solicited for demolition. The City Attorney was directed to prepare a resolution for the June 7th council meeting.

Larry Isch, organizer of Decatur's 175th Birthday Celebration reported Friday, May 20th is the deadline for events to be listed in a booklet of activities for August 19th – August 28th events. Any questions concerning the event should contact Larry Isch or Mayor Schultz.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright calculated the cost to the City for salary increase for employees for 2012. A 1% raise would cost the City approximately \$73,000.00 with the lowest increase ranging from \$240.00 to the highest raise being \$406.00 for the year. An employee with longevity increase and also a raise would receive \$1,192 for the year. A 2% raise would cost the City approximately \$110,000 with the

lowest increase to be \$481.00, and the highest increase \$812.00, and an employee with longevity increase and also a pay raise would receive \$1,663.00 for the year. Whitright also reported the City's portion for Police and Fire PERF benefit will increase from 19.5% to 19.7% for 2012, and Civil City PERF will increase from 9.25% to 10.5%. No decisions were made at this time. Councilman Dyer mentioned the need to have employee evaluations and pay raises be based upon those evaluations. Mayor Schultz directed Dyer to investigate this process and report at the June 7th meeting.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert was given permission from the Board of Public Works & Safety members to hire Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineers to do a study to evaluate storm water drainage for the East Monroe Street and Piqua Road project. The cost of the study is \$8,700. Gilbert requested using CEDIT funds to pay for the engineering services. Engle made a motion to approve using CEDIT funds to pay for the study. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Karbach gave a report on the progress of Operation Cleanup. 58 vehicles, 13 trailers, 10 campers and 7 boats have been tagged, and 20 notices have been given for rubbish in yards. Karbach thanked the public for cooperating. Karbach commented that burn barrels are also a nuisance, and residents are using truck boxes as storage sheds. If they are used as storage sheds, then it needs to look like a shed.

Comments were received about traffic from the road construction work on US Highway 27. Mayor will contact INDOT with the concerns. The project is scheduled to be completed in August.

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

There being no further business, Dyer made a motion for adjournment. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.