

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 18, 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 May 4th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for any questions or comments for Ordinance No. 2010-4, an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 77 of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances which regulates parking zones, handicapped parking, oversize vehicle parking, and drop off containers on city streets, and snow routes and penalties.

There were no comments received so, Meyer made a motion to Place Ordinance No. 2010-4 on Third and Final Reading by short title only. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to Adopt Ordinance 2010-4, Engle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle and Meyer in favor. None opposed.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for the CSO Community Notification a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to make the proof of publication for Ordinance No. 2010-3, an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 72, 73, and 82 of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances pertaining to signage within the city a matter of record. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Eguia, organizer for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks was present to request permission to close portions of Jackson Street on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Cook made a motion to approve the street closing, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Eguia also requested \$375 donation from the city for the fireworks. Crone made a motion to approve the donation, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. \$125 will be paid from the Mayor's promotional fund, and \$250 from the common council fund.

Eguia commented the cost of the fireworks alone is approximately \$5,000.00. Anyone wanting to donate to the fireworks can send their donations to Fifth Third Bank.

Wes Kuntzman of the Chamber of Commerce was present to request street closings for the Farmer's Market beginning on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Madison Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and also to use 1<sup>st</sup> Street parking lot for any overflows. Dyer made a motion to approve the request. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kuntzman also requested street closings for the

annual Motor Sports Festival on Friday, June 18th. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Monroe to Jefferson closed at 3:00 p.m., Madison from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.m., Court Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> to the alley closed at 12:30 p.m. Engle made a motion to approve the street closings. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a request from Fire Chief, Les Marckel to close a portion of 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Adams Street to Jefferson Street for Hazardous Materials training for the fire department on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Dyer made a motion to approve the street closing, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz received a request from the Relay for Life for permission to display purple ribbons around the city during Relay for Life event. Engle made a motion to approve the request, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chris Krull, Parks & Recreation Leisure Services Director announced the Parks Department is taking early registration until the end of May for soccer. The City swimming pool will open on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> with the entry fee being increased from \$1 to \$2. The Touch-A-Truck event will be on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Triathlon will take place at Adams Central School on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Cook commented on the tall grass around the city, property owners are responsible to keep their lawns mowed. It was discussed at the Board of Works meeting if the city has to mow these property that aren't not being mowed by the property owners the city could enforce filing a lien against the property owners. The City Attorney is reviewing the Town of Geneva's ordinance, and will discuss this issue further at the June 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Works meeting.

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.