

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 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 May 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting and the May 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Wes Kuntzman from the Chamber of Commerce handed out a flyer with guidelines for the 2009 Downtown Decatur Farmers Market to be held on Thursdays beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Second and Madison Street around the Courthouse. Dyer made a motion to approve the Farmers Market, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wes Kuntzman also requested closing 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Monroe to Jefferson Street and Madison Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street beginning at 3:00 p.m., and Court Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the alley closed at 12:30 p.m. for the Motor Sports Festival, which will be held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Engle made a motion to grant permission for the street closings, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Eguia organizer for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks informed council the VFW Post #236 has picked up the amount the city was not able to donate. Eguia remarked the bathrooms will not be available at Riverside Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, but will have portable toilets available. The mayor recommended Eguia getting at least six for the event. Eguia reminded everyone no dogs or bikes are allowed at the event. Eguia will attend June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with a full detail on activities for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

Jeff Rowe from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates gave a Power Point presentation on a Strategic and Financial Planning for the City of Decatur. The presentation showed the loss of revenue to the city due to the House Enrolled Act 1001, property tax caps. Rowe explained this plan can provide benefits for long term planning for the city for the next five years, and possible changes to create more revenues. Rowe handed council members a draft Financial Management Plan, which Umbaugh prepared for the City of Huntington, Indiana. The Board of Works members approved hiring Umbaugh at their meeting subject to council's approval for funding. An agreement with H.J. Umbaugh & Associates and the City of Decatur was presented for a Financial and Capital Planning Study not to exceed \$23,500 without further authorization from the City. Councilman Cook questioned what the time frame would be to have this plan completed. Rowe informed council the initial report can be done in 60 days with suggestions to the city. Dyer made a motion to proceed with the plan. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. This Strategic and Financial Planning will be paid from various funds.

Wes Kuntzman, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce announced Mark Greishop will provide property for a Community Garden, site supervisor will be Kenny Wendel, and anyone interested should contact Wendel at 692-6341. The city's only involvement will be for the street department to do the initial tilling of the ground.

The mayor received a letter from Gary Harvey, of the American Legion, Adams Post No. 43 who is requesting permission to have a parade in conjunction with their Annual Memorial Day Services on

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Dyer made a motion to grant permission for the parade, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor re-appointed Vicki Hess and Mary Eady to the Decatur Housing Authority for a term beginning on May 18, 2009 and terminating on May 17, 2013. Cook made a motion to make the appointments a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The mayor received a donation request from the Callithumpian Festival Committee. Last year the city donated \$1,000. As discussed in previous meetings, the council agreed to only give half the donation as previously given, due to revenue losses. Meyer made a motion to approve donating \$500, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will be paid from the Common Council fund.

The mayor mentioned he has tried contacting the Chicago Fort Wayne & Eastern Railroad about fixing the railroad tracks on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, but he has not received any response back.

The mayor announced an American Coach RV rally will be held at Belmont High School on July 13-18, with former Mayor, Fred Isch coordinating the event.

Jim Hitchcock, Asst. Fire Chief reported bids will be advertised for 700-800 MHz Communication Equipment for all fire departments within the county. Bids will be open on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Works meeting.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported new drain covers have been installed to comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act of 2008 law. Krull also mentioned the Park Board will have a public meeting at Riverside Center on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the boat launch that DNR wants to install at Kekionga Lake.

Jeremy Gilbert, Street Commissioner reported LICA will start milling 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Marshall Street on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and paving will begin soon.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared a letter for the Common Council members to Larry Macklin, Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation. In reference to Site Certification for Industrial Park III site. Dyer made a motion to approve and sign the letter, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried. All council members signed the letter, and the mayor will forward the letter to Macklin.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.