

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 2, 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 19th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Agency Director, John August was present requesting financial help for relocating a siren that had been placed on the General Electric building, but now has been torn down. The cost to remount and purchase a new pole is estimated to cost \$4,200. This amount is 2/3 the total cost. The quote is from Bleeke Electric. Dyer made a motion to approve the expenditure from the Cumulative Capital Improvement fund. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a letter from Fleetwood Motor Homes in reference to an extension notice provided to employees at Plant #44. The employees received a memo extending the WARN notice provided on April 1, 2009, the April 1st notice is still in effect however it has been extended through June 30, 2009. Cook made a motion to make the letter a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported the Motorcycle Rally will be in Decatur on Sunday, June 7th at 12:00 noon. They would like an additional street closed if needed, 3rd Street from Jefferson Street to Madison Street. Dyer made a motion to approve the street closure. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The American Coach Rally will be from July 13th to 18th. The Chamber of Commerce is gathering gift bags. The Mayor and the former Mayor, Fred Isch will meet with American Coach Organizers on Thursday, June 4th.

The Mayor received a letter from INDOT supporting the city on having the railroad tracks fixed on 13th Street.

The Mayor was notified by Margaret Aeschliman owner of Gandy Dancer's who has terminated the lease for the city train depot building on 7th Street. The Plan/Bldg Supt, Roger Gage inspected the building and informed the mayor the brick on the building is deteriorating. Gage received a quote from Strong Hold Masonry for \$1,209.00. The Mayor commented the Board of Works members have approved repairing the bricks with council's approval for the expenditure. Engle made a motion to approve the expenditure to be paid from the Cumulative Capital Improvement fund. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. announced the Park Board will have a meeting on Monday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comments on DNR installing a boat launch at Kekionga Lake.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert announced heavy trash is this week, and reminded everyone no carpet or home improvement items will be picked up. Gilbert also reported in the next few weeks all the paving should be completed from Division B-Sewer project.

Aaron Selking a student from Trine University attended the meeting for a Business Policy Class.

The City Attorney, informed council members that Attorney, Bob Biberstein will be presenting an ordinance to request vacating an alley west of Shirmeyer Street at the July 7th council meeting.

Councilwoman Engle questioned trees being cut down. Parks & Recreation Supt. informed her that Indiana & Michigan are cutting down trees that are interfering with the power lines. The mayor commented if anyone has any questions, to contact him.

Councilman Dyer questioned how the city enforces cleaning up after dogs and horses. Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert commented it is up to council to make an ordinance. The mayor commented this is something that is very difficult to enforce.

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

There being no further business, Engle made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.