

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 7, 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, Councilmen Charlie Cook, Matt Dyer and Ken Meyer were in attendance. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Councilman Bill Crone 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 17th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Public Works & Safety members approved at their meeting to authorize Mayor John Schultz to be the purchasing agent on behalf of the City in regards to purchasing real estate located at 215 W. Monroe Street and 167 N. 2nd Street. City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared Resolution No. 2011-2, a Resolution of the Common Council expressing an interest in purchasing the real estate at 215 W. Monroe Street and 167 N 2nd Street. Owner of the real estate, Dwayne Skaggs has indicated a willingness to consider selling the property. The Mayor will obtain two (2) written appraisals and negotiate the terms and conditions of the purchase. Meyer made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2011-2, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney read Resolution No. 2011-2, by short title, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Decatur expressing an interest in purchasing real estate and authorizing appraisals by two professional or duly licensed appraisers. Meyer made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-2, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Wes Kuntzman from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce requested street closings for the 11th Annual Motor Sports Festival for Friday, June 17th. The request is to close Madison Street between 2nd and 3rd Street at 12:00 p.m., 2nd Street between Monroe and Jefferson Street at 3:00 p.m., and Madison Street between 1st and 2nd Street at 3:00 p.m. Kuntzman also requested to have permission to use the 1st Street parking lot. Engle made a motion to approve the requests. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kuntzman was also directed to complete an event form.

Mayor Schultz was contacted by the Adams County Substance Abuse Awareness Council to request permission to use Fred Isch Drive for a mock disaster on Thursday, June 16th. Meyer made a motion to approve the request. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested replacing the flags downtown, which are displayed from 4th of July thru Labor Day. The cost to replace the flags is approximately \$1,300. Dyer made a motion to purchase the flags from the Common Council fund. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the May 17th Board of Works meeting, it was discussed for the City to becoming a TIF District through a Redevelopment Commission. This would help areas such as, General Electric and Decatur Casting that are in need of redevelopment. The City Attorney prepared Ordinance No. 2011-4, an ordinance which establishes a Department of Redevelopment pursuant to I.C. 36-7-14. This will allow for

rehabilitation or redevelopment of areas in need of redevelopment by private enterprise. The Department will be controlled by five (5) Board members, known as the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. The Mayor will appoint three (3) members, and Common Council will appoint two (2) members. Each member shall be bonded and take an oath of office. One of the members appointed by the Mayor will be from the North Adams School Board to serve for two (2) years as a non-voting advisor, and without compensation. All the territory within the corporate boundaries of the City will be a special taxing district for the purpose of levying and collecting special benefit taxes for redevelopment and economic development. The Mayor mentioned the City of Berne has a Redevelopment Commission and it has worked out well for them. There were no other comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2011-4 on First Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was four (4) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Second Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2011-4 on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was four (4) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2011-4 until the next Common Council meeting on June 21st, seconded by Engle. Council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the proof of publication for Ordinance No. 2011-3, which was published in the newspaper on May 13th a matter of record. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Building Supt., Roger Gage reported the remodeling on the train depot on 7th Street has started.

Joan Eichhorn, Storm Water Manager announced she attended the Annual MS4 conference, and the City of Decatur received a certificate from IDEM for water quality. Eichhorn also reported the Storm Water Department will be installing monitoring systems in retention ponds to alleviate flooding.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. announced Touch-A-Tractor will take place Saturday, June 18th from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Center. Krull reported the Farmer's Market has returned with over 17 vendors. The Farmer's Market is being held at Riverside Center, but may also have to use Jackson Street if it stays as popular. Krull also reported sidewalks and a handicap ramp will be installed at the Legion Park. Bathrooms are now open 24/7. The stone walkway will be replaced with asphalt, costing approximately \$7,000.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reported Primco will be completed with the 13th Street improvements in a few more weeks. The completion date for INDOT to repair traffic signals and street light wires will be mid August. LICA will be resurfacing US Highway 224 East from Front Street to State Line Road and should be completed in August.

Utilities Auditor, Dan Rickord mentioned the utility bills will now reflect summer rates, adjusting the sewage portion by taking the average usage from January through March.

Board of Works member, Bill Karbach gave an update on Operation Cleanup. Phase I is almost completed and now Karbach has begun Phase II, yard rubbish. City residents are not to have auto parts outside, such as bumpers, tires, etc. Scrap metal is not to be stored outside either.

City resident, Hank Johnson questioned his trailer had been towed, but was registered and plated. Bill Karbach will talk to the police officer that tagged the trailer and report back to Johnson.

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. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.