

CITY OF DECATUR
SPECIAL MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
JUNE 11, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 5:30 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 meeting was properly posted and faxed to the Decatur Daily Democrat and The Journal Gazette. The special meeting was held to discuss wages and benefits for city employees.

Dyer made a motion to suspend the minutes from the previous meeting, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright handed out reports showing estimated balances for year end in the General, Parks & Recreation and MVH-Street fund. Whitright explained a good cash balance should be 15-20% of the budget. Estimating the revenues and disbursements for 2009, the general fund's year end balance to be \$625,000, this is 16.3% of the current budget, Parks & Recreation balance to be 12.4% or \$94,929, and MVH-Street balance at 10.4% or \$114,050. Whitright informed the council members estimated property tax cap losses are \$174,775 in 2010, and \$237,112 in 2011. Whitright reported the 2010 budget schedule has been changed; the first publication for the budget will need to be advertised by August 2nd, instead of September 10th. The Clerk-Treasurer will advertise the budget high, so cuts can still be made before budget adoption. Whitright also handed out the current year's appropriation report for council to review.

The current health plan increased 11% or \$95,000, effective August 1st, there is no change in dental premium. The Clerk-Treasurer handed out options of different insurance plans from Anthem Insurance. In order to reduce premium cost, the city's option is to change from Blue 3.0 platform to Blue 4.0, and/or change deductible, out of pocket max, and prescription drug costs. After the many options were discussed, Councilman Cook made a motion to accept option #8 PPO Plan, with Rx "A" for prescription drugs, with the employee's contribution to be calculated the same as current. Councilman Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council requested for the Clerk-Treasurer to check with Anthem whether both the current plan and the new plan could be offered to the employees, with the employee paying the additional cost for the current plan.

Due to revenue losses, council by consensus will not have any pay raises for 2010. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to prepare a salary ordinance, which will need to be adopted prior to September.

There being no further business, Engle made a motion for adjournment. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.