

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 15, 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 June 1st meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Theresa Bodle from the Abate Group thanked the city for their cooperation for the motorcycle rally that took place downtown on Sunday, June 6th. Bodle will keep the city informed on returning next year. Bodle also announced another motorcycle rally called Christmas in June will be this Saturday, June 19th in the Wal-Mart parking lot to raise money for kids for Christmas. The Abate Group was thanked for choosing Decatur and are welcome back.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert requested closing the back road to Hanna Nuttman Park for summer activities for the Girls Scouts on Wednesday, June 23rd and then re-open the road on Friday, June 25th after 12:00 noon. Dyer made a motion to approve the street closure, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Larry Macklin and Joe Roman were present to request closing a portion of 4th Street to Marshall Street for a neighborhood block party on July 18th at 12:00 noon until early evening. Meyer made a motion to approve the street closure subject to completing an event form. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor read a Proclamation for Bob Brown who 50 years ago almost lost his life from an industrial accident. The Proclamation urges all citizens to join together in wishing Bob Brown a Happy Birthday on June 9th, the 50th celebration of the first day of the rest of his life, and also on August 13th, the 70th celebration of his birth.

City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared an Ordinance amending Chapter 92 of the 2007 City Code of Ordinances pertaining to nuisances. One of the purposes of amending the ordinance is to amend the height of grass from 12 inches to 6 inches, and to allow the City to recoup their cost of mowing these properties, by adding the cost to the property owners tax bills. There were no 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 2010-5 on First Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) 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 2010-5 on Second Reading. Dyer seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2010-5 until the next Common Council meeting on July 6th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Cook made a motion to make the proof of publication for Ordinance No. 2010-4, amending Chapter 77 of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Eguia reported the events scheduled for the Fourth of July, and reminded everyone dogs and personal fireworks are not allowed. Band will begin at 6 p.m.

Mayor received a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a donation toward the Kekionga Festival to be held on August 27th to August 29th. Engle made a motion to approve the same donation as last year's event. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert handed out a list of 16 street and roads that are maintained by both the City and County, due to growth and annexation. Gilbert requested permission to cleanup these areas with Adams County Highway Supt., Mark Mitchel and Adams County Engineer, Tim Barkey to see who should maintain them. Meyer made a motion for Gilbert to proceed, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superior Court Judge, Patrick Miller is forming a Court Renovation Committee, due to the major repairs needed on the building that houses Superior Court and the Probation Department. This committee will make plans for a temporary location, and also make plans to construct a new facility to consolidate both city and county offices, Engle made a motion to appoint Councilman Bill Crone as a member of the Court Renovation Committee, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.