

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 16, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 16, 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. Also, emailed were the June 11<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting minutes, Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Several of the ABATE (American Bikers Aiming Toward Education) riders attended the meeting who were very pleased on how the Mayor's Bike Rally went on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The City Attorney read a proclamation for the ABATE group, and the Mayor presented it to Theresa Bodle. Bodle also explained another rally at Wal-Mart called Christmas in June, where the monies will go back into the community. There were many thanks to everyone involved in the event.

Adam Eguia gave an update on the events for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. Eguia also requested closing the compost site on that day. Cook made a motion to approve closing the compost site all day on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the Resolution to amend the Policy Manual and the amendment to the Water rate ordinance will be postponed till the next meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Mayor congratulated Councilman Dyer and his wife on the birth of his daughter, Lucy Marie.

The Mayor announced there is a private company going door to door promoting a water filtering system. This company is not affiliated with the City of Decatur; anyone having any questions about their water should contact the Decatur Water Department at 724-3814. Water Supt., Jim Inskeep also commented the city water is tested each year with the results included in the utility bills, there is also information available on the city's water quality on Decatur's website.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel announced the Board of Works members accepted a bid from Motorola, Inc. to purchase communication equipment for the five (5) fire departments within the county. This equipment is being purchased through a FEMA grant with the City of Decatur being the fiscal agent. The amount of the grant awarded is approximately \$500,000.00.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported Monroe Street extended will be closed Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for the Triathlon. Krull also reported the Touch-A-Truck event went very well last Saturday.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert announced the paving is completed for Division B – Sanitary Sewer Separation Project. Pavement markings are the only thing left to be done for the project to be completed.

Gilbert also read the street closings for the Motor Sports Festival to be held this Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> downtown. Madison Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> St. to 3<sup>rd</sup> St. will close at noon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Monroe St. to Jefferson St. and Court Street, and Madison Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will close at 3 p.m.

Councilman Cook questioned the Wastewater Supt., Anne Butcher whether the Carpenters' Union picketing at the plant has caused any problems. Butcher remarked the sewer project hasn't been affected.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested permission to use the Cumulative Capital Improvement fund to replace two (2) computers in her office, in the amount of \$1,270.00. Dyer made a motion to use the CCI fund to purchase the computers, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a quote from Andrew Garcia of Strong Hold Masonry to do additional work needed on the train depot building on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Roger Gage, Building Supt. has inspected the building, and commented the limestone is cracked and some mortar needs to be replaced, and re-bricking around the windows, also have the brick power and acid washed to help the building from deteriorating. The additional work cost approximately \$2,300.00. Engle made a motion to use the CCI fund to do the additional repairs, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. It was also discussed to search for a grant to finish any other repairs. The Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert has talked with the Street Commissioner from Jasper who has received a grant on repairing a train depot who would be willing to share his experience with the city.

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 8:05 p.m.