

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 21, 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, 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 meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from June 7th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the previous meeting, Council members passed on First and Second Reading, Ordinance No. 2011-4, an ordinance which establishes a Department of Redevelopment. Mayor Schultz explained the reason for the City to establish a Redevelopment Commission was because it is part of Decatur's Comprehensive Plan. There were no other comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2011-4, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2011-4 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Mayor Schultz will appoint three (3) members to serve on the Redevelopment Commission, and Common Council will appoint (2) members at the July 5th meeting.

In order to apply for a grant to demolish the former street department garage located at 519 N. 3rd Street; council members need to declare the former street department garage property as slum and blighted. Crone made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2011-3, a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Decatur declaring 519 N. 3rd Street a slum and blighted spot within the City of Decatur, Indiana. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Cook made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2011-3, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler explained the reason from requesting to transfer within the Police Departments budget \$2,500 from professional services, and \$2,500 from machinery and equipment to repairs and maintenance supplies account was due to having to make several unexpected repairs to the police vehicles. Dyer made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2011-4, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the Decatur Police Department. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dyer made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2011-4, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adam Eguia, organizer of the Decatur Fireworks Display was present to announce various activities being held for the event on Monday, July 4th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Riverside Center.

Mayor Schultz reported INDOT will be repairing the railroad tracks on 13th Street, so the street will be closed for approximately 3-4 days in August. The crossing will also restrict traffic on June 28th for soil borings.

Bill Karbach reported on Operation Cleanup. If anyone has any concerns they are to call the Building Department at 724-3814. The Mayor thanked Karbach, Sergeant Lenny Corral, and Patrolman Jim Franze for their efforts in Operation Cleanup.

The Mayor has received several calls about horse manure on Bollman Street, but doesn't know how to resolve the problem, since it is virtually impossible to enforce by ordinance. Storm Water Manager commented she has checked with other communities who have the same problem, and their city or town does not have an ordinance to control the problem.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep announced the Water Quality report required by IDEM will be included in the utilities bill this month.

Councilman Dyer complimented the Chamber of Commerce on the Car Show that took place downtown, but questioned dogs being at the event. Dyer was informed signs were posted that dogs were not allowed.

Darlene Zeitvogel, a City resident who was very disappointed the City and County officials did not attend the Memorial Day ceremonies. Zeitvogel son is currently serving in Iraq, along with six other local people. She asked for more support from the community, and wants City officials to attend the 4th of July event to support all the service men and women. Mayor Schultz assured Zeitvogel that local officials do support our service men and women.

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. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.