

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 6, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, July 6, 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 15th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked for any questions or comments for the Final Reading of Ordinance 2010-5, an ordinance amending Nuisances Chapter 92 of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances. There were no comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2010-5, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance No. 2010-5 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

The Mayor announced health insurance proposals received were from Anthem, BeniComp & Bixler, Ins., STAR Ins. & IntraHealth Solutions (IHS), Kintz Ins., and Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). By consensus, the council will hold a Special Council meeting on Tuesday, July 13 at 5:30 p.m. to select an insurance company for health coverage for city employees for the renewal date of August 1, 2010 thru August 1, 2011.

The Mayor called on each insurance company to explain their insurance plan. The City's current coverage is with Anthem. Megan Walker handed out a printout that showed a revised rate from 21.74% to 12.55%. Walker explained the reduction was due to the final claims report. Walker also provided alternative plans to reduce the increase, and explained other benefits Anthem offers.

Rod Liechty of Bixler Insurance, and Doug Short of BeniComp presented a traditional plan similar to the City's current coverage along with a Wellness Program through BeniComp. The cost for the health insurance was \$81,606 per month or \$75,346 by changing co-pays. Short talked about the Wellness Program and explained employers may receive money back if claims are less than the premiums paid. The Program is designed to make the employees more aware of their health to help keep claims down. BeniComp reviews the claims experience month by month. Blood screening would be done for each employee costing approximately \$5,000 for the year.

Tony Coolman of STAR Insurance, and Denny Wright of IHS presented a partially self funded plan for medical and dental coverage costing \$91,981 per month. Wright cautioned Council members to keep current insurance plan due to new Federal law having a huge impact on Grandfather Plan Status. Wright also commented the employer controls all unexpended amount of claims and will receive this money back. IHS is a Premier network, Lutheran Health and Three Rivers Preferred.

John and Dan Kintz of Kintz Insurance presented United Health and Physician Health Plan (PHP) along with a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). With United Health for health and dental coverage the cost would be \$72,510 per month. Kintz commented United Health's quote has not been underwritten at this time, would like to have final claims report from Anthem before given a firm quote. PHP HRA cost \$78,837 per month.

IACT was not able to attend the meeting, but will have figures to the Mayor by Thursday, July 8th. Mayor will email the council members with the figures from IACT.

Mayor thanked everyone for presenting their proposals and informed them a Special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers to select one of the proposals.

Mayor Schultz reported INDOT will be taking bids on removing the logjam from the St. Mary's River in August and will be completed in September.

The Mayor announced the recent retirements of Patty Vergara who worked as the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer for 33 ½ years, and Bill Whitright worked for the Water Utility as the Customer Service Rep. for 33 years. Mayor Schultz thanked them for their many years of service for the City.

Mayor Schultz reported he has appointed Wylie Sirk to replace Chris DesJean on the Adams County Economic Development Corporation Board.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright appointed Wendi Gephart as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer replacing Patty Vergara effective June 19, 2010. Dyer made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz appointed Doug Anderson to the Plan Commission effective July 1, 2010 and terminating December 31, 2011 to replace Patrick Wellman. Meyer made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the railroad crossing on Highway 27 (13th Street) will be closed for two weeks starting July 15th for a permanent fix to the railroad crossing.

Storm Water Manager, Joan Eichhorn reported the 24 inch storm sewer to Grant Porter's pond on High Street has been completed. Eichhorn thanked Porter's for their participation in this project.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert was given approval to purchase a new salt spreader box at the Board of Works meeting. Gilbert requested from Council members to pay for the \$12,122 salt spreader box with CEDIT funds, so he can maintain the cash balance in the MVH-Street fund. Dyer made a motion to approve the purchase with CEDIT funds, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Street Commissioner reported the Street Department is currently working on improvements to the streets and drainage in Anthony Wayne Meadows addition.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel requested to spend \$6,000 from the Fire Departments budget to purchase Personal Protective Equipment. Engle made a motion to approve the expenditure, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dick Raudenbush was present to announce he is working with the Kekionga Festival to have a car and motorcycle show downtown on 3rd Street. Raudenbush was instructed to also contact the Chamber of Commerce and the Department Heads to organize the show.

Councilman Dyer encouraged any comments from the employees on insurance and pay.

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 9:05 p.m.