

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 21, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, July 21, 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 July 7th Council meeting and the July 14th Special Council meeting. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to make the legal notice for the Public Hearing for the City of Decatur to apply to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the Department's Community Focus Fund of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the development of a comprehensive plan a matter of record. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for public comments on the city applying for a Community Focus Fund (CFF) Planning Grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (IOCRA) to fund a comprehensive plan. Matt Vondran, grant administrator with the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC) was present to discuss the grant process for the comprehensive plan, and to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Vondran explained that he is assisting the City in obtaining a \$50,000 grant, which comes from federal CDBG funds administered by IOCRA through their CFF program. The grant requires a minimum 10% local match, the City plans to provide \$10,000 towards the project. Vondran explained that to qualify for the grant, an income survey was conducted to determine that the project would benefit low and moderate income persons. The survey determined that Decatur does qualify for the grant. Vondran also explained that per grant requirements, the City must select a firm to complete the comprehensive plan prior to submitting the grant application. That process began in May and the City selected the firm Wightman Petrie to complete the project contingent upon grant award. The City is currently negotiating the scope and price of the project with the firm. Vondran estimated the study and plan will cost \$60,000 with an estimated \$10,000 of that being paid by the City depending on the price negotiated with Wightman Petrie. Vondran stated that the City plans to submit the grant application on or about August 31, 2009 with an anticipated notice of grant award in October. If awarded in October, the comprehensive plan will need to be completed and approved by October 2010 to fulfill grant requirements.

Vondran then asked for any questions and comments concerning the project. Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. commented he is happy to see a Comprehensive Plan being conducted again, since the last Comprehensive Plan was done in the 70's. Krull would like to see renovation to the parks and trails. Larry Macklin, Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development Corporation commented the Comprehensive Plan is a great tool for development. Larry Isch who is on the Steering Committee, who selected the firm, also supports the plan and is good for the City of Decatur. There were no objections from the public. Dyer made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor then opened the Public Hearing for the adoption of Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area for Fleetwood RV, Inc. The mayor asked for any comments on the Declaratory Resolution that was passed at the last meeting, no comments were made. Engle made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Larry Macklin, ACEDC Executive Director, who announced the purchase of Gold Shield and Fleetwood is now complete. The incentives that were offered helped AIP to make the decision to locate in Decatur and provide jobs. The offer from the State was substantial in terms of tax credits and job training. The offer from Decatur would abate the equipment to be brought in to Decatur. Macklin remarked the equipment for Gold Shield is not included on the declaratory resolution, but was supported by council at the July 7th meeting if abatement is requested in the future. Macklin requested approval of the confirming resolution for Fleetwood RV, Inc., formerly known as AIP/RV, Inc. for a 10 year abatement on equipment and building improvements.

Mark Soltys, representing AIP, expressed appreciation to everyone for their hospitality, and commented that these are extraordinary times, and how much it means to AIP to have a ten year abatement for real estate and personal property.

The Mayor then introduced Chuck Wilkinson, CEO of Fleetwood RV who was given applause. Wilkinson thanked everyone and reported 447 people who worked for the former Fleetwood Enterprises were terminated including himself. These people then had to reapply with Fleetwood RV. Wilkinson thanked the City of Decatur, the State of Indiana and AIP for their confidence. He also complimented Decatur for a good force with strong work ethics. Wilkinson reported changes were necessary, due to the loss in sales. He reported that several hundred new employees, which includes Gold Shield, are to begin work on Monday, July 27th. Total employment is expected to reach 805. Wilkinson commented Fleetwood RV is trying to get as many people working as possible depending on the market, and is confident Fleetwood has a strong future.

Attorney DuWayne Herman distributed the Statement of Benefits for Real Estate Improvements and Personal Property for Fleetwood RV, Inc., located at US Hwy 224 East, Plant 91 at 1010 Commerce Drive, Plant 52 at 1803 Winchester St. and 1800 Winchester St. (Storage/Auxiliary), Plant 90 at Patterson St. showing 805 new jobs for the community.

Cook made a motion to make the legal notice of adoption of Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area and of a public hearing for Fleetwood RV, Inc. a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dyer made a motion to make the Affidavit of Service a matter of record, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Affidavit of Service shows the Clerk-Treasurer has filed the notice of public hearing, a map highlighting the area, and a copy of an application for the Economic Revitalization Area Designation on behalf of AIP/RV, Inc. also known as Fleetwood RV, Inc. to the Adams Co. Assessor, Adams Co. Economic Development Corporation, Washington Township Advisory Board, Adams Co. Solid Waste Management District, Decatur Public Library, Adams Co. Council and Adams Co. Auditor, North Adams Community Schools, and Root Township Advisory Board.

Engle made a motion to make the Certificate of Service, copy of the Declaratory Resolution No. 2009-1 for AIP/RV, Inc. known as Fleetwood RV, Inc. to the Adams County Assessor a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney, DuWayne Herman prepared a Confirming Resolution Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Fleetwood RV, Inc. formerly known as AIP/RV, Inc. The City Attorney, Tim Baker previously reviewed the Confirming Resolution, so Engle made a motion to introduce the Confirming Resolution. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no further questions or comments, so Cook made a motion to adopt Confirming Resolution No. 2009-2, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor thanked Fleetwood RV, Inc. and welcomed them to Decatur.

The Mayor opened the public hearing for the petition to vacate a platted street. Cook made a motion to make the legal notice for the public hearing a matter of record. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Robert Biberstein representing Lorenzo and Rosa Martinez and John Garwood is requesting vacating a platted but unimproved street designated as Studebaker Street which runs between Lot No. 26 and Lot No. 25. Biberstein commented there are no other individuals adjacent to the property. Biberstein did not receive any responses objecting to vacating the street. John Garwood and Lorenzo Martinez commented they have been maintaining this space and would like to see this vacated. There were no further comments, so Dyer made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Biberstein then presented an Ordinance No. 2009-4 to vacate a platted street. Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2009-4 on First Reading. Cook 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.

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Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2009-4 until the next Common Council meeting on August 4th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared Ordinance No. 2009-5, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2007-3. The purpose of amending the ordinance was for the amount charged to the City for fire hydrant rental to be \$170.00 per hydrant, since this is the amount budgeted and billed to the city by the Utilities Auditor for the year 2009 instead of the \$260.00 that is billed to any other entity. There were no comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2009-5 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 Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2009-5 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 2009-5 until the next Common Council meeting on August 4th, seconded by Dyer. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a letter from Wes Kuntzman, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce who is requesting street closings for the Kekionga Festival in August. Jackson Street: to be closed on Friday, August 21st from 1st Street to Riverside Center Driveway from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 22nd at 7:00 a.m. until Sunday at 4:00 p.m. from 1st Street to Monroe Street. Madison Street: to be closed on Saturday, August 22nd from 2nd St. to 3rd St. from 7:00 a.m. until noon for the Downtown Farmers Market. Kuntzman also requested using the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce building from

Thursday, August 20th through Sunday, August 23rd. Parks & Recreation Supt., Steve Krull commented this is a good event for Decatur. Dyer made a motion to accept the requests, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced the Board of Works members approved and recommended to council adopting a local ordinance to allow golf cart use on city streets. The ordinance was discussed at the Special Council meeting on July 14th. The City Attorney, Tim Baker was directed by council to prepare an Ordinance. Baker prepared Ordinance No. 2009-6, an ordinance which authorizes and regulates the use of golf carts on city streets in Decatur. Baker read and explained the purpose of the ordinance. A police officer will go to the golf cart owner's residence to have the golf cart registered with the city. Police Chief, Ken Ketzler will use a temporary registration until the register stickers are printed. There were no objections to the ordinance, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2009-6 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 2009-6 on Second Reading. Cook seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer then motioned to suspend the rules and Place the Ordinance on Third Reading. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed unanimously.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2009-6. Dyer seconded the motion. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2009-6 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Mayor Schultz thanked former Mayor, Fred Isch for heading the RV Rally that took place on July 13 through July 18th here in Decatur. Mayor also thanked local businesses, Eichhorn Jewelry, Ritter Flowers, Mies Woodworking, and Adams Memorial Hospital for all their help. The Mayor also thanked Wylie Sirk Supt. of North Adams Community Schools, the Water, Sewage, Street, and Police & Fire Departments for their help. The Mayor commented the rally was very successful, even a seven year old boy helped out with a lemonade stand and donated the money to a local food bank.

Councilman Crone thanked Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert for the improvements on Winchester Road. Gilbert remarked it was a joint effort by the Street Dept., Storm Water Dept, Building Dept., Primco, and Hitchcock Concrete.

Councilman Cook thanked the people who attended the meetings for the golf cart issue.

The Mayor thanked Ron Storey, Tom Lehman, Larry Isch, Rex Hinsky, and Bill Karbach for their many hours on the Comprehensive Plan for Decatur.

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 9:00 p.m.