

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, August 2, 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 July 19th meeting including minutes from Matt Vondran for the Public Hearing. There were no corrections or amendments. Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. requested to transfer within the Parks & Recreation Department's budget a total of \$42,000 from salaries and wages account to make improvements at Riverside Center and the Rivergreenway Trail. The Clerk-Treasurer prepared Resolution No. 2011-5, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the Decatur Parks & Recreation Department. There were no questions, so Meyer made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2011-5, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the previous meeting, Council passed on two readings Ordinance No. 2011-5, and ordinance fixing the salaries and wages for City employees for the year 2012. There were no questions or 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 2011-5, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2011-5 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker explained that the City's health insurance agent, John Kintz recommended the City provide a four tier plan instead of a two tier plan to help reduce premium cost. He also recommended to help reduce claims to amend the City's health insurance policy to require employees with a spouse or adult children that are employed and have insurance available to them to have their employers insurance become primary, a penalty will be imposed if an employee doesn't follow the policy. Baker prepared and read the addition to the City's Policy Manual, 4.10 Health Insurance. Department Heads are to provide a copy to all their employees, and then have each employee sign that they have received and read the addition to the Policy Manual. Crone made a motion to approve the health insurance policy. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a letter from the Callithumpian Committee requesting a \$1,000 donation toward the Callithumpian Parade. Last year the City donated \$500.00. Crone made a motion to approve donating the same amount as last year of \$500.00 from the Common Council's budget. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the last Council meeting, Council members were given 2012 Budget Form 1 to review. The Mayor asked if there were any questions. Councilman Dyer had several questions, but no changes or amendments were requested. The Clerk-Treasurer will now advertise the proposed budget as presented in the Decatur Daily Democrat on August 24th and again on August 31st. The Adams County Council will review the proposed budget on September 2nd. The Public Hearing will take place at the Council meeting on September 20th, and adoption of the 2012 budget will be on October 4th Council meeting.

The Mayor received a request from New Beginnings Church to close a portion of Dayton Street and N. 10th Street on August 13th for Operation Semi, which is an organization who collects items for the needy, and also on September 10th for a block party, Meyer made a motion to approve the street closure, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. explained and handed out a list of street closings for the Kekionga Festival & Decatur's 175th Anniversary Celebration. Engle made a motion to approve the street closings, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced INDOT will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, August 17th, and a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 30th at Belmont High School for US Highway 224 East road construction project.

Mayor Schultz reported the new owners of the bowling alley are making improvements and will be open soon for business.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel cautioned everyone from burning, due to extreme dry conditions.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. commented the event form the City departments established have been very beneficial in organizing special event. Anyone wanting to plan an event within the City can get an event form at City Hall in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Krull also reported the Iron Kid Triathlon event went very well. Both Councilmen Meyer and Crone complimented the Parks Department and the volunteers for such a nice event. Councilman Cook congratulated Holly Hankenson, a Belmont High School student and a part-time employee of the Parks Department who placed 5th in the nation for the USA Junior National Track and Field hepthathlon competition.

Councilman Engle commented the strip mall on 13th Street is continuing to add more businesses.

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. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.