

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 19, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, August 19, 2008 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.

The Mayor asked for everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the August 5th council meeting. There were no additions or corrections offered so Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Meyer seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright read a portion of a letter she received from Adams County Auditor, Bill Borne which said the DLGF has extended the date until December 1<sup>st</sup> for the adoption of 2009 budgets. Adams County is on track to have assessed values within the September to November time frame. The Adams County Council has already stated that they will not be adopting their budget on September 18<sup>th</sup> as advertised so that they can examine the affects of the property tax legislation on their budget prior to adoption. The Adams County Council request that all units proceed in a similar fashion by postponing their adoption date until a true analysis of the new property tax caps legislation can be made. County Council will still review the budgets and make their non-binding recommendations on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Crone made a motion to postpone the adoption date, which was scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Proposed 2009 Budget will still be advertised on August 20<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup> in the Decatur Daily Democrat. No adoption date was scheduled at this time.

Roger Gage, Building & Planning Supt. requested purchasing a new 2008 Chevy Trailblazer to replace the 1989 Jeep Cherokee, which has over 100,000 miles on it. Gage is requesting to transfer funds from several accounts within his budget to make the purchase this year. The transfers to his machinery and equipment account total \$18,300.00. The City Attorney read Resolution No. 2008-6 by short title, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the Building and Planning Department. Dyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-6, Cook seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend the Kekionga Festival this weekend. The Mayor also reported Industrial Park Phase III is near completion. Indiana Michigan Power will be replacing the light pole that is in the middle of the entrance way.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported the software has been installed at the Fire Department for ID badges for the city departments. Alternative Business Solutions (ABS) has trained Fire personnel to create the badges for the city. The Police and Fire Department ID's will have their badges on them. Other city departments will have the city's seal.

Jim Inskeep, Water Supt. reported the North Water Tower is almost complete, once it is completed then rehabilitation work will begin on the South Water Tower.

Jeremy Gilbert, Street Commissioner reported the compost site will be closed on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Kekionga Festival. Gilbert also reminded city residents who have yard waste must have it out by 7:00 a.m. the same day of their regular trash pickup.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. reported the construction on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements is in progress, and is expected to take over a year to complete.

Tom Lehman of Fifth Third Bank was present; the Mayor thanked Lehman for attending the meeting and for his help with Downtown Revitalization. The Mayor mentioned an announcement will soon be made about the vacant Niblick building downtown on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monroe Street will soon be occupied.

Councilman, Bill Crone reminded city residents the 71% sewer rate increase was due to State and Federal mandates. The Mayor commented no grants were available to fund these projects to pay for these improvements, so it had to be funded through user fees.

Councilman, Matt Dyer encouraged using email to contact city administration through the city's website at [www.decalur.in.org](http://www.decalur.in.org).

Engle made a motion to allow the claims as presented. Cook seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Engle made a motion for adjournment. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.