

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, September 2, 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 invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the August 19th council meeting. There were no additions or corrections offered so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Engle seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Cook made a motion to make the legal notice for the public hearing on the proposed 2009 budget a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright reported the total proposed budget for 2009 is \$6.6 million, with a proposed tax rate of \$1.23 per \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$.46. These figures are calculated on only 80% of this year's assessed valuation. The DLGF changed the last date for Final adoption to December 1st. City council approved at the last council meeting to delay the adoption date that was advertised for September 16th until Adams County has the assessed valuation figures for 2009, sometime in October or November, this will allow the city to know the impact of the property tax caps. Once these figures are known then the Adams County Auditor will hold another meeting between the Adams County Council and all the taxing units to re-examine the budgets to see where further budget cuts can be made to make up for the loss in revenues. The Clerk-Treasurer will then re-advertise the adoption date. There were no comments from the public, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer, the City Attorney read Ordinance No. 2008-8, an Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates. Motion was passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2008-8 on First Reading. Engle 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 2008-8 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 2008-8 until the assessed valuations are received from Adams County, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor asked permission from the Council Members to add street lights in Hanna Nuttman Park. The Parks & Recreation Supt. received an estimate from Rorick Electric for \$3,800.00. The Common Council fund already has monies budgeted for street lights, so Engle made a motion to approve the street lights be paid from the Common Council fund. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced INDOT will conduct a meeting for public input on improvements to US Highway 224 East at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 4th, at Belmont High School theatre.

The Mayor reported he will be attending a meeting about Downtown Revitalization in Columbia City on Friday, September 26th and invited anyone else who would be interested to attend.

The Mayor commented on how nice the Kekionga Festival was this year.

Jim Inskeep, Water Supt. reported the refurbishing of North Water Tower is now completed.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. reported the sewer construction meeting was held earlier today for Division A, B, and C and the projects are going well.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert announced heavy trash will begin next week.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.