

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 4, 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 September 20th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the September 20th meeting, council passed Ordinance No. 2011-6 on First and Second Reading, an Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2012. There were no comments or questions, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2011-6, seconded by Cook. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2011-6 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Mayor Schultz mentioned that sewage customers in Oakwood Addition have not been paying their sewage bills, and will be more aggressive to collect these outstanding debts.

The Mayor announced the Board of Works signed a contract with the Adams County Community Foundation to collect donations toward improvements to the interior of the train depot on 7th Street. The estimated cost for improvements is from \$30,000-\$40,000. Donations are tax deductible. Once the building improvements are completed, the City will look into leasing the property again.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reported the Board of Works members approved purchasing a new Bobcat with approval from Council on funding. Gilbert requested permission to use the MVH-Street fund to purchase a new Bobcat from Affolder Implement Sales at \$46,349.00. Dyer made a motion to approve the purchase from the MVH-Street fund, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced Trick or Treat night will be Sunday, October 30th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Trunk or Treat will be on the same day at the Courthouse from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Travis Alexander from the Callithumpian Committee handed out a list of street closings for the Annual Callithumpian Fireworks and Parade. (A list of street closings is on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office). Meyer made a motion to approve the street closings. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler announced Casey Springer was sworn in on Monday, October 3rd as a Police Patrolman for the Decatur Police Department.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel mentioned fire prevention week began this week.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep reported Wednesday, Oct. 5th will finish the fire hydrant flushing.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert commented city residents can mix together grass and leaves to put at curbside for the leaf machine to collect.

Board of Works member, Bill Karbach reported he continues to work with citizens on Operation Cleanup, and is now working with businesses.

Councilman Dyer commented a city resident is unhappy with the programming from Mediacom. The Mayor informed Dyer that the city has no control over the programming, and the City Attorney is still reviewing our contract with Mediacom.

Councilman Cook asked City residents to help keep sewer drains clear of leaves that are located near their homes.

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. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.