

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2008

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 7, 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 Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the September 16th council meeting. There were no additions or corrections offered so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received. Cook seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for the additional appropriation from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A Resolution No. 2008-6 was prepared for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$37,500 from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund to pay a portion of the sanitation truck chassis. The other portion of the truck will be paid from the Sanitation Fund. Meyer made a motion to approve the additional appropriation. Dyer seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor has received a lot of comments on the repair to the railroad tracks on 13th Street. The Mayor will keep in contact with the railroad company to make sure repairs will be done on the tracks again.

The Mayor announced Trick or Treat Night in Decatur will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30th.

The Callithumpian Committee submitted a list of street closings to the Mayor for fireworks and the parade. The fireworks will be on Saturday, October 25th and the Callithumpian Parade will be Monday, October 27th. Dyer made a motion to approve the street closings as submitted. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A council meeting is scheduled on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th. Council members discussed changing the date. Cook made a motion to change the date of the council meeting to Monday, November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Dyer seconded the motion. All council members were in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright reported County Auditor Bill Borne informed the city to go ahead and adopt the budget since the assessed values will not be known before the deadline date for budgets to be adopted. Whitright announced a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m. to adopt the previously advertised 2009 Proposed Budget.

City Attorney, Tim Baker informed council members of a recent ruling by the Indiana Court of Appeals. A ruling upheld in Plainfield, Indiana an ordinance which bars sex offenders from city parks. If the governing body wanted to impose such a ban, it could do so under the recent legal precedent. Council

members instructed the City Attorney to research this matter more thoroughly and report back to council of what can and cannot be done.

Councilman Crone encouraged everyone to visit Hanna Nuttman Park. Crone praised the Parks & Recreation Department and the Street Department for their efforts in the improvements to the park.

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 7:45 p.m.