

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 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 Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from November 3rd meeting. There were no corrections or amendments offered. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney drafted an ordinance as requested by the Council members at the previous meeting to increase the water utility rates by recommendation from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates financial report. This ordinance will be introduced at the December 1st meeting, and then a public hearing will be held at the December 15th council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk-Treasurer prepared Ordinance No. 2009-12, a capital improvement plan for the City of Decatur for calendar years 2010 and 2011. The City is required to adopt a two (2) year plan for expenditures in which the Economic Development Tax is imposed. \$15,000.00 for public health and safety including mitigation of damages by the flood of 2003; \$560,000.00 for promotion/development of economic development projects; \$75,000.00 to Adams County Economic Development Corporation; \$50,000.00 for City Sidewalk Program; \$300,000.00 for capital expenditures. There were no comments, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Crone and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2009-12 on First Reading. Cook 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 Engle and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2009-12 on Second Reading. Engle seconded the motion. The roll call was five (5) members voting in favor and none against.

Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance 2009-12 until the next Common Council meeting on December 1st, seconded by Dyer. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Transfer Station Contract with the Adams County Solid Waste Management District and the City of Decatur. The Contract is for a period of twelve (12) months commencing on January 1, 2010 and terminating on December 31, 2010. The City will be charged \$36.00 per ton of solid waste disposed at the District Transfer Station; this is an increase of 4% or a \$1.35 per ton. Engle made a motion to sign and approve the contract. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced he has received anonymous letters, and would like people to give him a name so he could respond to them. The mayor will keep names confidential.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler reported the response for expired and unwanted medications to be dropped off in the drop box in front of the police station has gone over very well.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported due to the shortfall in the budget, his department has removed the trash barrels from the parks. Krull reported the cost to dispose of trash cost the city approximately \$3,000-\$5,000 a year. The Park Board is still undecided whether or not they will re-open the city pool next year, and are looking at increasing fees for recreational activities.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reported the last day for yard waste is Friday, November 20th; city residents are encouraged to use the compost site. The last day for leaf collection will be Friday, December 4th. Gilbert also announced the repairs to the railroad crossings have been completed.

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.