

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2011

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, December 6, 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 November 15th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Engle made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) advised the City Attorney to do away with the existing ordinances for firearms, so Meyer made a motion to Table Ordinance No. 2011-9, an ordinance amending Sections 95.20 and 130.01 of the 2007 Decatur City Code of Ordinances regarding the regulations of firearms, ammunition and firearm accessories till the December 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Works and Council members discussed at the previous Board of Public Works and Safety meeting a Capital Improvement Plan for 2012 and 2013 to be funded with County Economic Development Income Tax revenues, which are estimated to be \$1,000,000 for 2012 and 2013. The projects to be funded by this tax revenue are as follows: (A) \$15,000 for public health and safety including mitigation of damages caused by the flood of 2003. This amount was requested by Rod Renkenberger from the Maumee River Basin Commission who was the grant writer for the flood grants. Since grant monies were not all expended, and the State has not closed these grants, this money will remain available until requested by the State. (B) \$555,000 for promotion/development of economic development projects, including but not limited to economic incentives, acquisition of real estate and/or infrastructure improvements, (C) \$60,000 to Adams County Economic Development Corporation for planning and implementation of economic development projects. This amount is 13% of the City's CEDIT distribution, (D) \$90,000 for the City Sidewalk Program. This amount has been increased to allow \$10,000 to make improvements for each council district, (E) \$280,000 for capital expenditures. There were no questions, so Meyer motioned to Place the Ordinance No. 2011-10, on First Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2011-10 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 Dyer and passed by consent.

Meyer motioned to Pass Ordinance 2011-10 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 2011-10 until the next Common Council meeting on December 20th, seconded by Cook. All Council Members were in favor. Motion carried.

Eran Hackman from Adams County Emergency Management presented Resolution No. 2011-8, a resolution adopting the Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hackman explained that local communities are required to approve this Plan and then final approval will be by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. The Plan recommends various courses of action and activities designed to protect the public health and to protect the safety of people and property within Adams County in the event of one or more natural hazards. The City of Decatur voluntarily participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, which recognizes the need for the Plan. This Plan shall be kept on file in the offices of the Clerk-Treasurer and the Building and Planning Departments of the City of Decatur. Crone made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2011-8, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dyer made a motion to adopt the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for an additional appropriation, which was published in the Decatur Daily Democrat on November 23, 2011 a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz stated the reason for the additional appropriation in the Department of Law was due to the reduction in the current budget of \$2,000 from the previous year and also for the additional services required by the City Attorney, such as, personnel issues, lawsuits, amendment to the contract with Mediacom, establishing the Decatur Redevelopment Commission, joint city/county building, reviewing of grants for East Monroe Street Project, Demolition of the former Street Garage building, bridge at Bunge, policy changes, changes in the common construction wage law, and purchasing the former Dwayne's Sweeper Shop building, and others. The additional appropriation is for \$5,000 to the Department of Law for Litigation & Miscellaneous Fees. There were no questions from the public, so Engle made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2011-9, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dyer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-9, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz reported he had purchased a sand bagger machine at an auction. The Mayor commented that Hank Mayer of the Adams County Solid Waste District suggested a few years ago that the City should purchase a sand bagger for future flooding in the City. The cost at that time for a sand bagger machine was approximately \$4,500-\$5,000. The Mayor had the Street Commissioner Jeremy Gilbert inspect the machine before purchasing. The cost for the sand bagger was \$880.00. Crone made a motion to reimburse the Mayor for the purchase from the CEDIT fund. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor announced the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) will hold training classes for newly elected officials January 9-11, 2012; anyone wanting to attend, should contact the Mayor.

Mayor Schultz also announced the Swearing in Ceremony for elected and appointed officials will be on Monday, December 26, 2011 at Riverside Center at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor made appointments to the Board of Zoning Appeals, Decatur Housing Authority Board, and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board. Gregory Kitson and Stephen Hakes were re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four (4) year term beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2015. Andrew Miller was re-appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission Board for a one (1) year

term beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012. Charles Abel was re-appointed to the Decatur Housing Authority Board for a four (4) year term. His term began June 1, 2011 and will terminate May 31, 2015. Dyer made a motion to make the appointments a matter of record. Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz thanked the Police Department for directing traffic while Fleetwood moved their production line on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from Winchester Street to US Highway 224 East Plant.

Parks & Recreation Supt., Steve Krull handed out pamphlets with a list of activities for parents and children to attend during Christmas break beginning on Friday, Dec. 23, and Tuesday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

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. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.