

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2009

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, December 15, 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 December 1st meeting. There were no corrections or amendments offered. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Crone seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for the Public Hearing for the proposed rates and charges for the Water Utility a matter of record. Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cook made a motion to make the Affidavit of mailing of the notice of Public Hearing to all rate payers residing outside the corporate boundaries of the City of Decatur a matter of record. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the proposed rates and charges to the Water Utility. There were no questions or comments, so Dyer made a motion to close the Public Hearing, Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer motioned to Place Ordinance 2009-13 on Third Reading by short title only. Motion was seconded by Cook and passed by consent. The City Attorney read the Ordinance by short title only.

Meyer motioned to Adopt Ordinance 2009-13, seconded by Dyer. Roll call for Adoption of Ordinance 2009-13 was Cook, Crone, Dyer, Engle, and Meyer in favor and none opposed.

Jeff Brown representing Adams Co. Complete Count Committee (A4C) handed out information explaining the Census. Brown requested a donation from the city to purchase a banner to help promote the Census. Mayor Schultz suggested donating \$175. Crone made a motion to donate \$175 from the Common Council fund. Engle seconded the motion. Motion carried. Along with Brown was former Mayor, Fred Isch who will be part of the committee gathering information for the Census. Isch stressed the importance of the Census and mentioned license plates, posters and signs are being made to help promote the Census.

The Mayor read Resolution No. 2009-5, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds. This resolution authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to transfer funds within the department's budgets. Engle made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-5, Dyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor re-appointed Andrew Miller to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a one year term beginning January 1, 2010 and terminating December 31, 2010. The Mayor also re-appointed Fred Schultz as a member of the Decatur Park Board for a four year term beginning January 1, 2010 and terminating

December 31, 2013. Cook made a motion to make the appointments a matter of record. Motion was seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright reported she contacted the DLGF and they have received the assessed values from the county and the city should receive certification by February 15, 2010. The Clerk-Treasurer informed council when DLGF works the 2010 budget, and we are over the maximum levy, the first place they will cut is the operating balance. Due to the reduction in the city's cash balances, the Clerk-Treasurer would like to maintain the operating balances as proposed, but will need a letter signed by the Council members for their approval. Councilman Cook made a motion to approve and sign the letter, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The Mayor announced this is Bob Ladd's last council meeting after 42 years as Utilities Auditor. The Mayor thanked Ladd for his years of service and read a proclamation and also presented a key to the City. The Mayor invited everyone to an open house for Ladd on Wednesday, December 23rd at City Hall.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker was directed by the Board of Works members to announce the sewer customers' names and amounts owed to the city for long outstanding sewer bills. The City Attorney mailed letter to these customers on December 2nd and still has not received a response. These customers live in Yost Woods: Mike & Natalie Clark \$707.78, Kevin Wellman \$618.29, Jeff & Leah Lengerich \$1,163.37, Heather Mankey \$705.41. Bobby Robinson \$934.90 lives on 500 N, Jamie Sills \$756.80 lives on Belmont Rd. Michael Renner \$439.31 did call after receiving the letter, but the City Attorney has not been able to contact him. The City Attorney commented if these customers don't pay, then the city will need to pursue this.

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 8:00 p.m.