

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 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 January 19th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments, so Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Cook seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced a survey will be included in the Decatur Daily Democrat for the public to complete for the Comprehensive Plan. The survey will be available at the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, Decatur Chamber of Commerce, City Hall and the Public Library. Or the survey can be completed online at www.decaturing.org, or www.adamscountyedc.com, or www.decaturchamber.org.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright reported the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) has approved the 2010 Budgets. Assessed valuation has increased \$4.8 million. The City tax rate went from \$.85 to \$.87 per \$100 assessed valuation. Whitright thanked the Department Heads for not spending all of their budgets in 2009, which helped with the cash balances. Even though budgets were approved, the cash balances are still low. Spending will need to be kept to a minimum in 2010 until cash balances improve. Revenue losses due to the property tax caps are predicted to be \$240,000 in 2010. The Mayor also thanked the Department Heads for reducing their spending in 2009.

The City Attorney will prepare an Ordinance to amend the speed limit in Stratton addition, and 2nd Street from 30 mph to 25 mph for the next council meeting on February 16th.

The Mayor announced a parking ordinance will be introduced at the next council meeting, which will allow people who work downtown to park all day for a fee. Free parking all day is still available on 1st Street parking lot and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce parking lot. No permits will be allowed for 2nd Street parking. 2nd Street will still be monitored for 2 hour parking. The Parking Control officer will continue to monitor all parking. Fees for over parking will be increased to \$5 over 2 hours, and \$25 after 48 hours. By consensus, the City Attorney was directed to prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting on February 16th. Councilman Dyer thanked the Mayor and Board member, Bill Karbach for their efforts on handling the downtown parking, which is good for businesses and the city.

Roger Gage, Building Supt., announced the Census information will be out in March. A notice will be mailed with the utility bills. Gage stressed how important it is for the public to complete the Census; due to State distributions to the city are calculated by population count. Councilmember, Ken Meyer commented that his new grandson was born today, which will be an addition to the Census.

Chris Krull, Parks & Recreation Leisure Services Director announced during Spring Break week, the Parks & Recreation Department will have recreational activities which will involve churches and the Boys & Girls Club and other organizations.

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.