

CITY OF DECATUR  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Scott Murray were in attendance. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Anne Razo. Councilman Craig Coshow and Councilman Wylie Sirk were absent.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 7, 2023 meeting and Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

As the meeting opened, Mayor Rickord noted the students from the Mayor's Youth Council who were in attendance.

The first item on the agenda was Resolution 2023-2, a resolution recognizing Police Chief Lennie Corral for his 29 years of service as he retires on March 3, 2023 from the Decatur Police Department. Chief Corral and his wife appeared before the Council. Dyer made a motion to introduce Resolution 2023-2 in its entirety. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2023-2 in its entirety. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-2. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. Mayor Rickord noted Chief Corral as a friend and a leader who has served under four (4) mayors and three (3) police chiefs. Chief Corral made comments thanking his parents and others in attendance. He noted changes he has made for the department and noted a key concern was providing equipment and training that was needed to keep his officers and the community safe.

The Mayor received the 2023 Annual Fee for Service Agreement with Adams County Economic Development, who is requesting \$58,012.31 for the year 2023, which is 13% of the City's LIT-Economic Development distribution. Dyer made a motion to approve the service agreement for 2023 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Murry. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2023-4, an ordinance to amend the current salary ordinance for a one-time bonus pay for the Chief Clerk and the Administrative Secretary of the Decatur Police Department to be paid from the Betty J. Walters Fund in the amount equal to the amount the police officers received through the gun buy-back program that Council had previously approved as a morale boost. Fullenkamp made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-4 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2023-4 by short title only. Fullenkamp made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-4 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote passed 3-0 with Coshow and Sirk being absent. Fullenkamp made a motion to place Ordinance 2023-4 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2023-4 by short title only. Fullenkamp made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-4 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, the roll call vote passed 3-0. Fullenkamp made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2023-4 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2023-4 by short title only. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-4 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage with a 3-0 vote.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the publication of the City's Cash/Investment Statement for the year 2022 a matter of record. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointments/Oath of Office of Shane Cauble to the Plan Commission and Phil Summers to the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Stephen Hakes a matter of record. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The Clerk-Treasurer explained that there were additional repairs needed on the boiler system at Riverside Center that was over the estimate and requested to pay for the additional cost to be paid from the CCD fund. Murray made a motion to pay additional expenses for the boiler at Riverside Center from the CCD fund. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance 2023-3, an Ordinance which amends Chapter 90 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 regarding the number of pets permitted within city limits and adds a new section related to restrictions on livestock within city limits. However, a group of citizens were present showing concern about the ordinance. A lengthy discussion was held between a group of pet owners and Council members. Mayor Rickord stressed the importance of working together and encouraged phone calls versus action on social media. Murray made a motion to table any action of Ordinance 2023-3 for future discussion, seconded by Dyer. Motion was carried.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 8:07 P.M.