

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2022

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dan Rickord. Roll call was taken to show Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk were in attendance. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Anne Razo.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 5, 2022 meeting. Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The first items on the agenda were Compliance with Statement of Benefits CF-1 forms for the Tekni-Plex, Inc (Dolco Packaging) and ABCinema, Inc. Mayor Rickord shared that he had toured the Tekni-Plex, Inc. plant last week, and stated that they are doing very well. The CF-1 forms showed that both Tekni-Plex, Inc. (Dolco Packaging) and ABCinema, Inc. were in compliance with their Statement of Benefits for abatement. Coshow made a motion to accept Tekni-Plex, Inc. (Dolco Packaging) as being in compliance and to continue the abatement. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Dyer then made a motion to accept the continued abatement for ABCinema which was in compliance. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was the approval to donate towards the Decatur Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner meeting. Dyer made a motion to use \$350 from Council's promotional account in support of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner meeting. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

Police Chief Lennie Corral was next on the agenda regarding the UTV Ordinance. Chief Corral noted City Attorney Anne Razo had worked diligently and had done a lot of work by networking with calls with various individuals who have an UTV Ordinance in place. The UTV would need to first be registered and titled with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The Decatur Police Department would require a yearly inspection, which the owner will need to show proof of insurance and the Police Department will provide a yearly permit/sticker. The owners will be given a copy of the ordinance, and the ordinance will also be placed on the website so each owner should be aware of all the rules and regulations. Ordinance 2022-8, an ordinance which authorizes and regulates the use of Utility Terrain Side by Side Vehicles on City streets of the City of Decatur, Indiana was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-8 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-8 in its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-8 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-8 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2022-8 until the next meeting to be held on May 3, 2022. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent appeared before Council regarding an update for the building at 138 N. Second Street. Per Council request from the previous meeting,

Witte had contacted Limberlost Construction to revise their quote to not include the one story section that is in the back of the building. As a result, their quote was lowered to \$153,350.00. Witte noted he currently has \$139,893.86 left in his budget's unsafe building account. Thus, there is a shortage of \$13,456.14. Dyer made a motion to move forward with the project and pay for the shortage of \$13,456.14 from appropriated funds within the City's budgets. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. Fullenkamp made a motion to authorize Building and Zoning Superintendent Curt Witte to sign the proposal from Limberlost Construction. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord shared that John Baker and his nephew Chad Baker had found a cane that was from the 1936 celebration of the 100 years of the City's origin. They donated the cane to the City and Mayor Rickord noted that they will find a way to display the cane in City Hall.

Soon to be Fire Chief Jeff Sheets had planned a gathering of family and firemen in honor of Chief Les Marckel who was attending his last Council meeting as Fire Chief. A resolution recognizing Chief Marckel and his years of service to the residents of Decatur was brought forward. Resolution 2022-7 was brought forward and Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2022-7 to be read in its entirety. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and Mayor Rickord read Resolution 2022-7 in its entirety. Following the reading, Sirk made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-7, seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Chief Marckel thanked all for their support over the years and greeted each family member in attendance with a hug.

City-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright shared that the lease purchase for 2-new sanitation trucks and dump trailer had been negotiated through the Indiana Bond Bank with Key Government Finance having the lowest interest rate and will be financed over five (5) years and paid from the Sanitation budget. The first payment is due August 1, 2022. An additional appropriation will be needed which will require a Public Hearing, the Clerk-Treasurer will prepare the necessary paperwork and present at a future meeting. Sirk made a motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Whitright to sign the lease purchase agreement documents with Key Government Finance on behalf of the City. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that he is looking at various trash containers. He suggested using 10-15 minutes at the next meeting to talk about the information he has received. Gilbert noted he wished to move forward with the project, especially before prices increase.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright asked Council if they had any other projects for consideration to be included with the ARPA funding. Dyer mentioned that he would like to see the REV Sports Complex get as close to completion as possible and Mayor Rickord suggested that the safety netting was a top priority for work at the REV Sports Complex. Also mentioned was the paving the parking lot. Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert estimated the paving to cost \$300,000, and the netting at \$150,000. Councilman Murray had emailed his list of projects to Mayor Rickord who would forward that email to the other Council members and Clerk-Treasurer. Sirk shared his interest is in completion of the 2nd Street streetscapes going from Monroe to Jackson Street. Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert will work on estimates for this project.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that Officer Teddy Bessen had his final surgery today he plans to be back by the end of June or early July. Chief Corral shared that the annual night shoot for the department will be tomorrow evening and he invited any Council members to attend. Chief Corral also noted they will have their annual bowling event for Big Brothers/Big

Sisters and he has been asked to serve as security for the IU Basketball Coach, Mike Woodson for the BB/BS Annual Dinner event. Chief Corral than congratulated Chief Marckel on his retirement.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager announced that yard waste pickup started this week. Gilbert asked residents to be kind to the City workers noting if you can't lift it, then neither can the workers. Gilbert also reported that the grinding of concrete is being done, and should have plenty of stone for this summer's projects. Gilbert shared that work is continuing at REV Sports Complex and there are seven (7) weekend tournaments scheduled. Gilbert also congratulated Chief Marckel on his retirement.

Fire Captain Jeff Sheets noted that at an earlier meeting they had introduced the use of the Knox Box and there had been a glitch on Knox Box's website, which has been corrected.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor shared that the bids have been advertised for the painting of the Piqua Road water tower with bids to be opened at the next Board of Works meeting.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent noted that with the weather warming up and the grass starting to grow, he and Asst. Supt., Brad Roe will be out in force to keep up on any nuisance violations, especially of tall grass.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent shared that her department is continuing to perform IDEM monthly and weekly test, with 60 being performed in house.

Council Input:

Coshow announced that the Annual Chamber Dinner will be held on Thursday evening, April 21, 2022. He also reported that the Chamber and Decatur Main Street will be having 14 Summer Concerts this year, other events that have been scheduled are the DeKegger, Germanfest, and Highland Games. They are working on doing more this year for the 4th of July event.

City resident, Bob Becker commented that he and his wife wanted to thank all the City workers and Officials for all they do for the City.

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

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

Adjournment was at 7:28 P.M.