

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 2, 2023

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:40 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 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.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting and Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord recognized a member of the Mayor's Youth Council in attendance, Victoria Hamrick who introduced herself.

First on the agenda was the recognition of Nancy "Nan" Everett who will be retiring from the Parks Department effective April 29, 2023 after nearly 50 years of service. Mayor Rickord shared that several employees had retired over the years and all were great people and employees. However, Ms. Everett had been special as she has worked with so many youths and had a great influence on them and their lives. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2023-3 in its entirety. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and Mayor Rickord read Resolution 2023-3 recognizing Nancy "Nan" Everett for her years of public service as Leisure Services Manager for the Parks & Recreation Department. Sirk then made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-3, seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. Mayor Rickord then presented a key to the City to Ms. Everett. Nan then spoke briefly noting it was a bitter/sweet time. However, she felt God had put her where she needed to be. She thanked the community and also those who gave her the opportunity to teach their children.

Next on the agenda was Stephanie Clemons representing Flight of the Fairies. A fund raiser event for the Decatur Arts Commission which will be held on June 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hanna Nuttman Park woods. Ms. Clemons was seeking permission to place light weighted objects on the trees, hide some rocks to be used for face-painting for anyone finding a rock and bringing it to the event, and placing small items announcing the event throughout the downtown and in the parks 2-3 weeks before the event. Dyer made a motion to permit the various items throughout the City and Parks to advertise the event. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Ordinance 2023-6, an ordinance to amend the current salary Ordinance 2022-16 to permit a lateral signing bonus of \$5,000 for payment and the repayment schedule if needed for lateral employee Zachary Hess to join the Decatur Police Department in 2023. Sirk made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2023-6 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2023-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-6 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2023-6 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2023-6 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-6 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2023-6 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion

passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2023-6 by short title only. Sirk then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-6 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and Ordinance 2023-6 was adopted by a 5-0 vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright shared that the State Board of Accounts noted in an audit that there was nothing in writing regarding the City's Capital Asset threshold amount. Whitright noted the amount currently is set at \$2,500 which had been approved several years ago but was not put into writing. Sirk made a motion to set the amount at \$5,000. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. A resolution will be prepared for action at the May 16, 2023 meeting.

Ordinance 2023-7, adopts S-7 Supplement to the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 to codify all the Ordinances adopted in 2022, was brought forth. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2023-7 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2023-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-7 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2023-7 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2023-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2023-7 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2023-7 on its third reading by short title. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2023-7 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-7 on its third and final reading. Seconded Dyer, a roll call vote was held and Ordinance 2023-7 passed with a 5-0 vote.

Previously discussed at the April 18th Council meeting in regards to an agreement between the City and the County regarding the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Resolution 2023-4 was presented that adopts the Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Revisions. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2023-4 by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2023-4 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-4. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Several CF-1 forms were then brought forth. Councilman Murray commented that all businesses are facing employment issues and supplies. Colton Bickel, Executive Director of Adams County Economic Development was present and stated that there have been employee shortages due to the low unemployment level in Adams County.

The first CF-1 forms were from Gilpin and JK Morris Holdings. Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright noted they could not be present this evening but had sent information noting their overall sales were down and they had trouble finding employees. It was shared that they have two (2) years of abatement left on the personal property and the real estate abatement ends in 2025. Coshow made a motion to continue the abatement with Gilpin and JK Morris Holdings. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The second CF-1 forms presented was for REV Recreation Group. Jason Bird was present to represent REV for any input or questions. It was noted they estimated 830 employees but currently have 780 and Bird noted they will continue to work with City and County leaders to learn how to get more employees. Murray made a motion to continue the abatement for REV Recreation Group. Seconded by Sirk, the motion passed and Bird was thanked for appearing before the Council this evening.

The third CF-1 forms were from REV Recreation Group/Lance Camper Mfg. Unable to attend this evening, Clerk-Treasurer shared they had shared a communication noting order

cancellations this year so they had to slow production and have 45 employees currently. They had estimated to have 120 employees at this time. Due to the employee climate were in, Fullenkamp made a motion to continue the abatement with REV Recreation Group/Lance Camper Mfg. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The fourth and final CF-1 forms was from Hoosier Pattern/RH Warehouse. No representatives could attend this evening but had sent an email thanking the Council for all their help. They have abatements for 2013, 2018, 2019, and 2022. They have 104 employees above the 28 estimated as per the CF-1 form. Fullenkamp made a motion to continue the abatements with Hoosier Pattern/RH Warehouse. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted yard waste pickup started Monday, and hydrant flushing started this week and will continue next week.

Police Chief Kevin Gerber shared that today was the first day with the new County wide computer software, which is going well. Also reported that Officer Logan LeMaster is attending the police academy.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator announced that tomorrow is the last day to purchase tickets for the Mama Llama event to be held on Saturday, May 13 at Madison Street Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Also, it was noted the HIVE is having a special Mom and Daughter event.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent noted that 50/50 Sidewalk Program is for everyone, but the payment plan is only for residential.

Josh Zimmerman, Civil Infrastructure Manager reported that the pipe replacement in the Homestead addition will be completed soon.

Mayor Rickord then noted an issue that needs to be addressed is that people need to clean up after their dogs, especially in the parks as children will be playing there. So, he asked people to be mindful of others and to please cleanup after their pets.

Council Input:

Coshow noted he had received information regarding a 175 x 40-foot structure from Clean Span for Madison Street Plaza. He noted the top would be above the lights. Coshow noted the cost at \$243,000 installed, and he had planned to make a presentation to the Adams County Community Foundation Board on Wednesday, but wanted to know if the Council approved of him moving forward in an attempt to get the funding. Fullenkamp made a motion to grant Coshow permission to proceed seeking funding. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed with Coshow abstaining.

Dyer made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Murray, 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 7:35 P.M.