

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 3, 2022

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:20 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 19, 2022 meeting and Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

First on the agenda was Community Coordinator Jamie Gephart regarding the rental of Madison Street Plaza requested by Sasha Harrison for a graduation party to be held on May 28, 2022. The event, including set up and tear down would go from 10:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Ms. Harrison had proof of insurance and noted they would need the restrooms, electricity, and sound system. Coshow made a motion to approve the May 28, 2022 request for the use of Madison Street Plaza. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Bob Corral and Jeff and Steph Brite for the Conner Brite's Wildflowers event on June 11, 2022 on Madison Street Plaza. The concert is a fund raiser in honor of Conner Brite and will feature three (3) bands. The group hopes to eventually be able to provide funds in order to maintain a classroom at the MERIT Center for musical lessons in such areas as guitar. The event would use Madison Street Plaza from 5-11 P.M. with sound people arriving around 2:00 p.m. to set up. It was shared that they would like to have 2nd Street closed during the time of the concert for safety purposes. It was noted the police usually monitor the area for concerts and act accordingly if a street closing becomes necessary. Bixler Insurance is providing the insurance for the event. They are requesting the use of the restrooms and electricity. Coshow made a motion to approve the Conner Brite's Wildflowers event on Madison Street Plaza on June 11, 2022. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. Coshow then made a motion to waive the fees for the event, due to being a community event. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was for an additional appropriation for the Decatur Redevelopment Commission which required a Public Hearing. Coshow made a motion to suspend the Council meeting. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted. Coshow then made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving input regarding the additional appropriation for the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright gave an update noting the funds would be used for the signalization project at 13th and Bollman Street. There was no public input, so Sirk made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted. Sirk then made a motion to reconvene the Council meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record the publication regarding the Public Hearing for the additional appropriation for the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2022-8 by short title only, a resolution for an additional appropriation of \$225,000 for the Decatur Redevelopment Commission Capital Outlays 4406-000-443 Improvements Other Than Buildings account for the 13th Street Improvement Projects. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2022-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-8. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Several Compliance with Statement of Benefits (CF-1 forms) were presented for approval. There were three (3) CF-1's from REV Recreation Group, all in compliance. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the REV abatement continuance. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Next were two (2) CF-1 forms from Gilpin Products and JK Morris Holdings, which were in compliance. Dyer made a motion to continue the abatement for Gilpin Products and JK Morris Holdings. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to continue the abatement with Knous Enterprises (PB Trucking) whose CF-1 form showed compliance. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The last CF-1 forms were for Hoosier Pattern/RH Warehouse with five (5) CF-1 forms. Dyer made a motion to continue the abatements for Hoosier Pattern/RH Warehouse. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief Lennie Corral appeared next on the agenda regarding the UTV ordinance. Chief Corral shared that after the adoption of the first two reading he had talked with a Conservation Officer from the DNR and learned the State law required a few minor additions to the ordinance. Regarding turn signals, the driver must use hand signals if signals are not part of the vehicle, and the State Law for UTV use on the road states that they are not to be on the road from midnight to 5 A.M. not 6 A.M as in the proposed ordinance. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-8 as amended, an ordinance which authorized and regulates the use of Utility Terrain Side by Side vehicles on the streets of the City of Decatur, on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-8 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-8 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and Ordinance 2022-8 passed with a 5-0 vote. City Attorney Anne Razo announced that Ordinance 2022-8 became effective upon passage. Chief Corral plans to set a day for inspections as soon as he receives the stickers he has ordered. There will be an annual inspection done by appointment by the Decatur Police Department. Mayor Rickord reminded people that there is a lot of traffic out there, so please drive safely. Mayor Rickord then thanked Chief Corral and City Attorney Anne Razo for all their work in putting the ordinance together.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert appeared before Council regarding a request for \$13,000 for a sound system at the REV Sports Complex as discussed during the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting earlier this evening. Sirk made a motion to allow \$13,000 budgeted for

Park Improvements in the CEDIT fund to go towards the sound system at the REV Sports Complex. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Next, Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright informed Council that the lease/purchase with Key Government Finance will be sending payment to Indiana Trailer Sales for the purchase of the new dump trailer and recycle bins soon. The remaining funds will be held in escrow until the new garbage trucks arrive.

Department Heads Input:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager informed everyone that the work for the Community Crossings Matching Grant was actively happening, with 19 streets to be paved and ADA ramps being installed.

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that the DPD had raised about \$2,000 recently with their Bowling for BB/BS event. Also, Chief Corral shared that K9 Officer Hamm is eligible to participate in a training, which he will be going to Jacksonville, Florida for the training at no cost to the City.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared that DFD had four (4) individuals at the recent Fire Conference in Indianapolis who did the 9/11 climb, raising \$1,600. The group placed second in the fund raising part of the event.

Josh Zimmerman, Civil Infrastructure Manager shared a lot of work is being done in various areas of the City by using the camera truck to check the lines in hopes of keeping everything clear and keeping the rain water from getting into the sewer system. Work has been done on Nuttman Avenue, the AEP parking lot, Jackson Street and Marshall Street, 9th & 10th St. to note some of the locations.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator reported that the Sip & Shop event held at the HIVE this evening went very well that brought a lot of people downtown.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent reminded people again that they should throw the flushable wipes in the trash as they are not flushable and cause problems.

Council Input:

Sirk shared that the MERIT Center now has cameras around for security and card readers that were paid through a grant through Early Learning. The MERIT Center also has a walking area for seniors. Sirk also noted Kings Kingdom Day Care is scheduled to begin operation at the MERIT Center in June.

Murray inquired regarding any plan for improvement of the railroad tracks on Washington Street. Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert and his crew would likely do some temporary repairs.

Public Input:

A person in the audience asked about the UTV Ordinance as he was concerned about the harsh penalties and the age limit for riders as compared to the golf cart ordinance. City Attorney Anne Razo noted the emphasis is to create the safest environment and they looked at ordinances

from other cities that were successful. Attorney Razo noted that perhaps a review of the golf cart ordinance may be needed.

Wylie made a motion to pay the claims. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 8:03 P.M.