

SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 12, 2022

A Special Meeting of the City of Decatur Common Council was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 5:00 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 Councilmen 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, and Bob Shraluka from the Decatur Daily Democrat.

The Special Common Council meeting had been properly posted and the media notified at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting were suspended until the regularly scheduled meeting.

The purpose of the Special meeting was to allow more time to discuss 2023 budgets.

The Clerk-Treasurer had previously provided a list to Council of needed items from the Department Heads that could be paid from the Coronavirus American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund or budget these items in the 2023 budget.

After a lengthy discussion with Department Heads, Fire Chief Jeff Sheets, Police Chief Lennie Corral, Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert, Utilities Auditor Kevin Hackman, and Building and Zoning Supt., Curt Witte, by consensus, the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to prepare a resolution to amend the Plan in Resolution 2022-9 to include additional expenses to be paid from the distributions received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF):

- \$145,100.00 for Police Department Equipment - \$80,100 for computers, \$65,000 for radios
- \$186,700.00 for Fire Department Equipment - \$162,000 for air packs, \$12,200 for Knox Box security, and \$12,500 for an extractor
- \$8,000.00 for Software Upgrade for the HVAC System at City Hall
- \$93,000.00 Premium Pay for eligible workers who worked during the State of Indiana Health Emergency

The next item discussed was raises for 2023. In order to prepare the 2023 budgets, by consensus, Council approved budgeting \$1.50 per hour raise for all full-time employees.

Other items discussed was to establish in writing how to budget between Police and Fire in the LIT-Public Safety fund. Issues with cost, equipment and support for IT services, and numerous utility projects, and storage buildings that are needed in the future. No action was taken at this time.

There being no future business. Councilman Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Dyer. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.