

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:15 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 Tim Baker.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Building and Zoning Superintendent, Curt Witte as he presented new permit fees and a possible new permit chart to replace the current chart. With the adoption of a new State Code, Witte had studied current City Code for permit fees. He informed Council that part of the new State Code involved the need for foundations as per the size of the structure. Witte went over the various changes he is proposing and what the new permit chart would look like. Sirk made a motion to approve the recommendations from Witte and for City Attorney Tim Baker to draft the needed ordinance which would amend the current City Code for permit fees as recommended by Building Supt., Witte. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Event forms were next considered.

The first event form was a request from St. Mary's Catholic Church to close 4th Street between Monroe and Madison Street from 12 noon to 3 P.M. on Sunday, August 15, 2021 for a Parish Picnic. Sirk made a motion to approve the street closing for St. Mary's on August 15, 2021. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The next event form was from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce for "A Night with Woodcrest" to use the Madison Street Plaza on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. for a concert featuring The Bulldogs, and requested to close off a portion of 1st Street. Sirk made a motion to approve the event, and the street closing and to waive the fees due to being a community event. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted with Coshow abstaining.

The last event form was a request for a Belmont Class of 1986 Reunion on Madison Street Plaza on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Dyer made a motion to approve the Class of 1986 to use Madison Street Plaza on October 9, 2021. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Sirk made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Board of Public Works and Safety for the Decatur Police Department to seek enrollment into the 1033 Federal Program from the Department of Defense to get free ammunition for range practice at a cost of shipping only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted. The estimated shipping cost is to be \$1,300-\$1,400 and will be paid from the Police Department's budget.

Murray made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Board of Public Works and Safety to approve payment of \$11,500 to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC for planning and permitting assistance for a softball field at Kekionga Park for the Men's Softball League, and to pay the cost from the CCD fund. Seconded by Sirk, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright distributed to the Mayor and Council members a summary of the proposed 2022 budget estimates, with Budget Form 1's and estimated revenues for 2022, and a copy of Resolution 2019-6, which has a list of projects Council adopted to complete in the next five years. Council members are to review to make recommendations at the next meeting.

Department Heads Input:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted little has changed recently as they have been kept busy the last ten (10) days with water main breaks. Gilbert shared that three (3) evening shifts have been doing the work preparing for Phases 2 and 3 for the Second Street Streetscape Project. Also, he noted that next Wednesday or Thursday, they will likely begin sidewalk work on the east side as they work toward Jefferson Street. The project will take the next couple months as once they do the east side they will do the west side of the street. Gilbert also reported that the street sweeper had been hit by another vehicle last week and is now being repaired.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager noted they are continuing their work of cleaning sewers and finding a lot of manholes that are buried.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent shared that everything is going fine but urged drivers to exercise caution when driving in the area as a result of the traffic being routed on Monmouth and Piqua Roads as Bunge is doing meal load out.

Police Chief Lennie Corral reported that the department has been hit with COVID-19 as two (2) officers attending the Academy in Anderson had been sent home as that area was hit with the pandemic. Chief Corral had been informed that the officers could work on-line for two (2) weeks and plans are for them to return to the Academy on August 22, 2021. Chief Corral also reported that he attended the Chief's conference and has received copies of ordinances regarding ATV's from other communities, which he should have information for the next meeting on August 17, 2021.

Council Input:

Coshow asked for input regarding the possibility of a go-cart race event which could possibly be held in October. Coshow was wanting input from Council members before he put the time and work into organizing such an event. By consensus, Coshow was encouraged to pursue the event.

Murray 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 Fullenkamp, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 7:55 P.M.