

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2022

The October 18, 2022 regularly scheduled meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum and rescheduled to Tuesday, October 25, 2022, which was posted and the media was notified of the date change. The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, October 25, at 7:30 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.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 4, 2022 meeting and Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Dyer then made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Executive Session as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2022-18, an ordinance which established a K-9 #3 non-reverting fund, and authorized donations and other revenues to be deposited into said fund for the care and maintenance of the K-9 #3 police dog, was brought forward. Sirk made motion to place Ordinance 2022-18 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-18 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-18 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed passage by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Rickord noted that Officer Busse had picked up the dog and taken the it to school this week to introduce the dog to the students and staff. He noted it was a great addition to the City and to North Adams Schools.

Resolution 2022-16, a resolution to amend Resolutions 2022-9 and 2022-13 pertaining to the ARP Plan to address changes in classification from premium pay to bonus pay and to increase the allocation amount \$115,725 for sanitation improvements to purchase additional trash receptacles totaling \$410,875 from the ARP Grant fund was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to introduce Resolution 2022-16 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed. City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2022-16 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Resolution 2022-16. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2022-19, an ordinance amending salary Ordinance 2021-14 regarding the additional COVID-19 Bonus Pay using ARP funds, was brought forward. The COVID-19 bonus pay will be paid to full-time, paid on-call firefighters and part-time City employees who work year-round, and must be in active status as of December 2, 2022. No elected official will be paid a bonus pay. Bonus pay will be processed through payroll and treated as wages to employees in compliance with IRS guidelines. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-19 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-19 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-19 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2022-19 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion was carried and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2022-19 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-19 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Sirk made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2022-19 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2022-19 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance

2022-19 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and Ordinance 2022-19 passed with a 5-0 vote.

In Building Supt., Curt Witte's absence, the Clerk-Treasurer reported that Council had approved sidewalk contracts with Liter Concrete last year, and funds had been encumbered to the 2022 budget to make sidewalk improvement on 11th Street. The sidewalk projects were broken down into four tracts, with Liter Concrete awarded tract #1, and #4. Recently Witte had been notified by Liter that they are no longer doing concrete work, so Witte had contacted the other contractor, TG Concrete who was awarded tracts #2 & #3 of the 11th Street sidewalk improvements. Taylor Gage of TG Concrete has agreed to honor the contract amounts that Liter Concrete was awarded. Sirk made a motion to approve TG Concrete doing tracts #2 & #3 for the amount Liter was awarded last year, and to amend the contractor to TG Concrete for the encumbrance for the 11th Street sidewalk improvements. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An event form was brought forward for the Community Tree Lighting sponsored by Classic Crimper (Cathee Graves) Louise Ray, and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held on Sunday evening November 27, 2022 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. They are requesting to close at 4:00 p.m. a portion of Jefferson Street and 2nd Street, and Madison Street and 2nd Street. There will be a Santa House on Madison Street Plaza, and stories at Storybook Park as well as the lighting of the tree at the Courthouse. Sirk made a motion to approve the event and the street closings for the Community Tree Lighting event. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Josh Zimmerman, Civil Infrastructure Manager reported that Jackson Street is now open with the work being completed. He also noted that if weather permits, the 1st and Monroe Street parking lot will be paved on Thursday, and Friday asphalted.

Assistant Fire Chief Hitchcock noted they are taking applications for a full-time firefighter until this Friday, Oct. 28th.

In the absence of Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert, the Mayor announced that leaf pick-up had begun this week.

Mayor Rickord announced that during the two (2) sessions held on each of the past two (2) weekends, over 2200 people had attended the Haunted Trail in the four (4) evenings. He thanked all who had helped noting that the event could not have happened without the over 50 volunteers. It was noted the event raised funds for the Parks Department and hopefully more events can be held to raise additional funds. City Attorney Anne Razo mentioned the various communities who attended the event and how it brought people to Decatur.

Council Input:

Coshow shared that there were many Callithumpian activities taking place during this last part of October including the fireworks, the parade, trick or treat, and so forth. He encouraged people to have porch lights on if they wished to participate in trick or treat.

Sirk made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Dyer, 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 7:57 P.M.