

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2021

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor 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 Attorney Anne Razo. City Attorney Tim Baker was absent.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting. Dyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2021-12, an ordinance which amends Section 33.085 of Chapter 33 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 regarding fees to be charged by the Decatur Police Department for inspections and production of records, was brought forward, with the amendment to Exhibit "A" revising the fees schedule. Sirk made a motion to accept the proposed amendment to Ordinance 2021-12 regarding the new fee schedule. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-12 as amended on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was carried and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2021-12 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-12 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2021-16, an ordinance to ratify the current K9 non-reverting fund which authorized donations and other revenues to be deposited for the care and maintenance of the K9 #1 dog was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-16 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was carried and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2021-16 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-16 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote showed 5-0 passage.

Ordinance 2021-17, an ordinance which established a K9 #2 non-reverting fund and authorized donations and other revenues to be deposited into said fund for the care and maintenance of the K9 #2 dog was brought forward. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-17 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2021-17 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-17 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed with a 5-0 vote.

The next item on the agenda was an update from Building and Zoning Superintendent Curt Witte regarding the condemned building at 136 N. Second Street. Witte had received a quote from Limberlost Construction to fix the front wall, the side brick wall, and the roof at \$137,000. It was shared that one quote of \$84,000 had been provided to demolish the building with an additional cost from AEP of \$1,500. However, there would be unknown costs for what damage would be seen to the wall of Vinnie's Bar, if the building were to be demolished. Witte noted he is expecting two (2) more quotes. Witte also mentioned another issue with the second floor of the condemned building is that it doesn't meet fire wall code. Witte hopes he has sufficient unsafe building monies available to make the necessary repairs for safety concerns. Witte noted action needs to be taken soon as possible, as the building will not last through the winter, especially with the roof leaking. A special meeting may be needed once Witte gets the two (2) additional quotes. Witte reiterated the cost of demolishing the

building does not include the additional cost which might be forthcoming regarding the wall of Vinnie's Bar.

Ordinance 2021-18, an ordinance to provide for a capital improvement plan for the City of Decatur for calendar years 2022 and 2023, was brought forward. Indiana Code requires the City who receives Economic Development Income Tax to establish a capital improvement plan. The projects include \$150,000 for FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program, \$170,000 for up to 17% per year to the Adams County Economic Development Corporation for planning and implementation of Economic Development Projects, \$525,000 for Capital Improvements and Economic Development Projects, \$100,000 for City Sidewalk Program, and \$200,000 for Parks Improvement Projects. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-18 on its first reading by short title only. Murray seconded motion which passed and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2021-18 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-18 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote was held and passed by a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to place Ordinance 2021-18 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion carried and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2021-18 by short title only. Sirk made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-18 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote. Sirk made a motion to table Ordinance 2021-18 for final reading until the November 16, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed.

Department Heads:

Police Chief Lennie Corral noted the Police and Fire Departments had a good turnout for their Trick or Treat event. He also shared that he had been invited to participate in the Job Fair at Belmont High School this Friday.

Assistant Fire Chief Jim Hitchcock noted the Trick or Treat event went well and they had a great showing of participants.

Fire Chief Les Marckel noted that he would also be participating in the Job Fair at Belmont High School on Friday. Chief Marckel also reported that the Safety Park project had started on Monday with Adams Central School bringing the 4th and 5th graders this week.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that his department is removing two (2) homes for the Building and Zoning Department and are getting ready to start on the third home next week. They also removed a home as part of the flood mitigation program grant.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor reported that the paving should be completed this week at Winchester Street plant.

Council Input:

Mayor Rickord shared that the City had lost a great supporter last week with the death of Vic Porter. He noted that Mr. Porter had done a lot for the community. Mayor Rickord had the honor of touring the Thunderbird Plant with Vic and noted how the employees lighted up when they saw Vic. Vic Porter had been a helper in the start of Woodcrest, Industrial Park and others. He thanked Mr. Porter and the entire Porter family for all their support. Councilman Sirk added that the Porters were at nearly every one of the summer concerts which speaks to their commitment to the City.

Coshow thanked the Department Heads and their employees for all the work they did to help make Callithumpian week a success. He also thanked the store owners who agreed to have their windows painted in support of the Belmont Volleyball Team going to State on Saturday. Coshow

also noted that there will be a banner going up to support them. Mayor Rickord wished the Belmont Volleyball team success and shared they had provided a police escort following last Saturday's victory at Semi-state.

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

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

Adjournment was at 7:36 P.M.