

**CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2026**

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rickord who then invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll call was taken to show Jenny Bowers-Shultz, Scott Murray, Abby Wilder, and Tyler Fullenkamp were present and Matt Dyer was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the December 16, 2025 meeting and Murray made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 16, 2025 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the Certificate of Appointment to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Pete (Patrick) Braun. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a presentation by Andrew Mouser, Director of Baker Tilly regarding long-term financial and capital planning for the City. Mr. Mouser shared the study would look at the City's past 3 or 4 years, the present, and then share estimations for the future 3 or 4 years. It was noted with the legislation passed by the 2025 General Assembly, there are questions regarding how the tax changes will really affect the City. It was shared that Baker Tilly works out of Indianapolis and currently works with numerous communities throughout Indiana. Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman shared she had attended a meeting at which Baker Tilly had made a presentation and felt it would be good for the City to participate in that kind of study in order to look at the future financial picture which would help when setting project priorities. The cost for Baker Tilly to do the study is \$60,000 of which \$20,000 will come from the Utility Budget and \$40,000 from the General Budget. After the presentation and various questions posed and answered, Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with Baker Tilly for a long-term financial and capital planning study. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo shared the trash contract between the City and the Solid Waste Management District for 2026, noting there is a limit of 5% increase and the 2026 increase is 4.3% for an amount of \$59.71 per ton.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Kevin Gerber shared the Decatur Police Department had responded to 11,965 dispatches of all types—traffic accidents, crimes, complaints, fire runs, medical

runs, alarms, etc. Chief Gerber also announced the lateral hiring of Kobey Eaton as a member of the department.

Bill Carpenter, Assistant Water Department Superintendent, reported work is being done regarding the various lead lines throughout the City.

Council Input:

Murray shared he felt the Baker Tilly study would be a good investment for the City.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the city as presented. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 7:03 p.m.