

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2026

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:25 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, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Abby Wilder were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Audrey Grimm introduced herself as a member of the Mayor's Youth Council.

As per State Statute, outstanding checks not cashed after two years should be canceled with the funds placed into the General Fund. Murray made a motion to cancel the 6 checks totaling \$195 and place the funds into the General Fund. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the Certificate of Appointment for Dave Hill as the North Adams Community Schools' appointment to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to make the signed contract with the Solid Waste Management District a matter of record. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Kevin Gerber shared the Department phones would change over to Gigtel this Thursday. Chief Gerber also shared the annual dodgeball games between the officers and staff and students at the Bellmont Elementary School would take place this Friday.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared the phones in the Fire Department will be changing to Gigtel on Thursday.

Bill Carpenter, Assistant Water Department Superintendent, encouraged home owners to keep water trickling through faucets during the cold and to keep garage doors down if the water heater is located in the garage.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, reported the Ordinal Connect, which provides immediate information for the public regarding City inquiries, will soon be added to the City's website.

Council Input:

Dyer inquired regarding the Parks Department Superintendent appointment and Mayor Rickord noted he plans to take his decision to the Park Board Meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026.

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

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

Adjournment was at 6:43 p.m.