

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2024

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:50 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 Jenny Bowers-Shultz, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Abby Wilder were in attendance. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

Mayor Rickord called the meeting to order and invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 6, 2024 meeting and Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord had the three members of the Mayor's Youth Council introduce themselves and give their grade level. Present were Everett Colclasure, Oliver Gobel, and Payton Miller.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the proper posting for the changing of the meeting date from February 20, 2024 to February 21, 2024. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief Kevin Gerber noted the resignation/retirement of Sgt. Mark Cook effective July 5, 2024. It was noted that Sgt. Cook has accepted a position with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Mayor Rickord thanked Sgt. Cook for his 31 years of service to the residents of Decatur. Fullenkamp noted Sgt. Cook always put Decatur first. Murray made a motion to make a matter of record the letter of resignation/retirement from Sgt. Mark Cook. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record the conflict of interest form signed by Kim Brandt. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the appropriate advertising regarding the Public Hearing to be held this evening. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to suspend the Council Meeting in order to have a Public Hearing as advertised. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Wilder made a motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo shared the reason for the Public Hearing which dealt with Ordinance 2024-1, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur, Indiana which repeals and replaces chapter 91 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, as supplemented, regarding fire prevention; fireworks. Attorney Razo asked for anyone wishing to speak in favor or opposition of the Ordinance. There being none, Wilder made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reopen the Council Meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2024-1, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur, Indiana which repeals and replaces Chapter 91 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, as supplemented, regarding fire prevention; fireworks, was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-1 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-1 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz then made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-1 on its second reading reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2024-1 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-1 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-1 on its third reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote show passage by a 5-0 vote.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator, and Max Miller member of MainStreet Design Committee, appeared before the Council to announce the names of those businesses receiving funds from the Façade Funding. Those receiving funds were Bush Investment Company, Decatur Daily Democrat, Decatur Dental, Mirage Banquet Hall, Mr. Planners, Next Page for the mural updating, and Yvonne Marie's. Gephart and Miller were thanked for their work in going through the application process. Dyer made a motion to accept the recommendations as presented. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator, then presented several Event Forms. The first group of Event Forms were from the Chamber of Commerce for the Thursday Evening Concerts from June 6 to August 29, the July 4, 2024 event, the Motor Sports Festival on August 8, Germanfest on August 17, Kekionga Festival on August 23 and 24, the Youth Concert on September 12, the Highland Games on October 4, and the Callithumpian Parade on October 28. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the Chamber Events. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The Event Form for the Decatur Sculpture on Saturday, June 8, 2024 brought up and it was shared the Conner Bright Wildflowers Concert would be held that evening. Dyer made a motion to accept the Event Form for the Sculpture Tour. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Next was the Conner Bright Wildflowers Concert Event Form. The event is to be an evening concert on June 8, 2024. Murray made a motion to accept the Conner Bright Concert Event Form. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Downtown Decatur Days, sponsored by Main Street was the next Event Form. The event is to be held on Saturday, June 15, 2024. Dyer made a motion to accept the Downtown Decatur Days Event Form. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2024-2, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur which amends the table within Chapter 150, Section 150.357 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, supplemented, was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-2 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-2 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-2 on its first reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2024-2 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-2 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to table Ordinance 2024-2 until the next meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2024-3, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur which amends Chapter 151, Section 151.005 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015, as supplemented, was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-3 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-3 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-3 on its first reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2024-3 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-3 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-3 on its second reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to table Ordinance 2024-3 until the next meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

A brief discussion was held regarding the discussion at the February 6, 2024 meeting regarding funds from the sale of art work at The HIVE. Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman noted that what had been discussed was already being done.

City Attorney Anne Razo thanked Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent, and her staff for a recent video put together by the department regarding work being done at the Wastewater Plant.

Public Input:

Troop Leader Vince Milholland appeared before the Council regarding sand and so forth that the City had placed near the entrance to the Trails at Hanna Nuttman. It was noted the sand would soon be removed to be used in the various ball fields. It was shared the troop had worked hard to clear the entryway to the trails and wished to have the sand and trash cleared. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, assured Mr. Milholland that the

City would be moving the sand in the near future. It was noted that was the only place to store the sand until the ball fields were ready for it.

Department Heads:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, shared a lot of little projects and repairs are being completed. He reminded the citizen that the sidewalk program is available and encouraged those interested to contact City Hall. Gilbert noted the next heavy trash week will be the first full week in April.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets noted that are starting on the planning for the 25th year of their golf outing. Move information will be forthcoming for the May 11, 2024 event.

Council Input:

Mayor Rickord noted the event in Indianapolis last evening was very positive with over 400 in attendance.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims before the City. Seconded by Fullenkamp, 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 was adopted.

Adjournment was at 7:50 P.M.