

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2025

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:20 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, and Scott Murray were in attendance while Abby Wilder was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Following the adoption of the minutes, Mayor Rickord recognized three members of the Mayor's Youth Council in attendance.

The first item on the agenda was the presentation of Ordinance 2025-2, an ordinance adding Supplement 9 (the ordinances adopted through 2024) to the City Code of Ordinances. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2025-2 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2025-2 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2025-2 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2025-2 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-2 on its second reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote showed 4-0 passage with Wilder being absent.

Mayor Rickord shared that Ron Dull, a member of the Berne City Council, had contacted him regarding the use of Opioid Settlement Funds. Mr. Dull is working with Crossroads Community/Project Connect Director Rob Parker, on transitional housing in Decatur. Mayor Rickord noted this would be a good use for these funds as they are restricted towards prevention/recovery efforts in the community. Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman noted there was a balance of \$1270.69. Dyer made a motion to allow for the use of the \$1270.69 in Opioid funds. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert appeared before the Council seeking permission to have USI compile estimates for a possible application for Community Crossing Matching Funds for the July 2025 round of funding. Gilbert noted the 75/25 match had been changed to 80/20. Mayor Rickord noted the City would not know what it could do until July after the State Budget is finalized. However, if a plan is put together, it could be used later if not in July. Dyer made a motion to move forward with

USI studying the streets and coming up with a proposal. Seconded by Murray the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord shared a group of Disc Golfers had asked for an upgrade of the Disc Golf Course at Kekionga. Mayor Rickord noted a grant had been received and Bunge funded the rest of the cost in order to go from a 9-hole course to an 18-hole course. Mayor Rickord noted Bunge was enthused about the project and is planning to use the course for an employee-family event.

Department Heads:

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert shared that next week would be heavy trash pickup week,

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets noted the Survive Alive education program had started for this year.

Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman shared he and Fire Chief Jeff Sheets would be meeting and perhaps could have a plan of action or option available for the next meeting regarding purchase of a new fire truck.

Council Input:

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the City. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 6:37 P.M.