

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
April 2, 2024

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 7:18 pm 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 March 19 meeting and Matt Dyer made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. Seconded by Abby Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Scott Murray made a motion to make a matter of record the publication of the public hearing scheduled for tonight's meeting. Seconded by Jenny Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to suspend the council meeting and open a public hearing for Ordinance 2024-4. Wilder seconded and the motion was adopted.

Attorney Razo asked if anyone from the public would like to speak for or against Ordinance 2024-4. Being none, Bowers Shultz made a motion to close the public hearing and reopen the city council meeting. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2024-4, an Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur which amends the City's Sewer Use Ordinance, Chapter 54 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances was brought forth for the third reading. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2024-4 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-4 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-4 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote passed 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was a Proclamation for SAFE. This group works to bring awareness to child abuse issues by sponsoring events and education in prevention of abuse, child malnutrition and to support families. Mayor Rickord read the Proclamation which establishes April as Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention in Decatur, signed on April 2, 2024. Members from SAFE were present and passed out pinwheels and shared with Council a flyer outlining the planting of a pinwheel garden on Tuesday, April 9.

Attorney Razo shared an update on the transfer of industrial park lots from the City to the Redevelopment Commission that were discussed at the March 19 meeting. When starting the process to transfer the parcels it was found that those parcels do not have a legal description which is needed to transfer. A survey is required to get the legal descriptions. RDC will meet on 4/3 and they will also need to amend their economic plan to include the parcels. Fullenkamp made a motion to have the survey completed in order to acquire legal descriptions, Wilder seconded and the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, reminded all of heavy trash week going on this week. Also, yard waste collection will begin Monday and run through early October.

Police Chief, Kevin Gerber, reminded all of the golf cart/UTV registration taking place this Saturday. He also notified Council of the pet rock snake, Copper, that Chief Clerk Amy Gage painted and is in the landscape at the Police Station. Members of the public will be invited to paint a rock and add to Copper the snake to see how long he will get.

Chief Sheets notified council that he has closed the application process for the Paid-On-Call Firemen openings. There are three openings and two applicants.

Mayor Rickord informed council that the Governor has issued a State of Emergency for Monday, April 8 due to the total eclipse. He will make a decision regarding staff reporting to work on Monday on Sunday. Jim Langham from the Berne Witness offered that the EMA will publicize their finalized plans for the Eclipse on Facebook and will be communicating through WZBD.

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

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

Adjournment was at 7:45.