

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2025

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 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 who then invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 1, 2025 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

First on the agenda was Michelle Lengerich, Director for Adams County's Council on Aging, to present an update regarding the County Public Transportation. Ms. Lengerich shared hours are from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and shared an example of one lady who uses the transportation daily for going to and from work at a rate of \$5.00. Ms. Lengerich shared her appreciation to the County which built a garage on land purchased from the City. In cooperation with INDOT, it was noted Adams County was the first County to take part in the public transportation project. Ms. Lengerich shared the staff is up to 16, almost triple of what it was prior to the public transportation. Mayor Rickord noted Michelle Lengerich has done so much for the Council on Aging. Ms. Lengerich shared a written summary regarding the use of the Adams County Transit for Q1 2024 vs Q1 2025 regarding trips, fees collected, and riders. Following Ms. Lengerich's presentation, Fullenkamp made a motion to fund the Council on Aging at \$22,000. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a review of the abatement status—personal and real property—of ABCinema. Owner Cory Affolder was present to answer any questions. Dyer made a motion to continue the abatement for ABCinema personal property which was in compliance with the application for personal property. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed.

Murray made a motion to continue the abatement for real property which is in compliance with the application for real property. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion regarding the purchase of a new aerial fire truck. It was shared that the members of the Board of Public Works and Safety had discussed the issue earlier this evening. It was noted that funds were available for the down payment from LIT-Public Safety Funds. Mayor Rickord noted more figures should be

available at the May 6, 2025 meeting as the State Legislature would have adopted the State Budget by then.

Mayor Rickord recognized members of the Mayor's Youth Council in attendance.

An Event Form was presented for Colton Bickel, Director of Adams County Economic Development Corporation, for a breakfast event showcasing Decatur on April 30, 2025. Murray made a motion to approve the Event Form for the event. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

The Decatur Chamber of Commerce had requested funding for their Annual Dinner Event. Dyer made a motion to fund the Event at the rate of \$350, the same as last year. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman presented an event form for an Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Park held on April 19th. A motion was made by Dyer, seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads:

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert shared Community Crossings had started and that yard waste collection begins next week.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent noted the date for the ribbon cutting at the Skateboard Park was set for Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared the Safe Prom event had been held at Belmont High School.

Council Input:

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the City. 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 7:30 p.m.