

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2025

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:14 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 Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, Jenny Bowers-Shultz, 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 May 20, 2025 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda dealt with the financing and purchase of the new aerial firetruck. Earlier this evening, the Board of Public Works and Safety approved the contract and the financial package, but it was noted Council action was needed for final approval. Dyer made a motion to approve the contract for the purchase of the aerial firetruck. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Dyer next made a motion to approve the financial contract with Republic First National Bank for seven years at a total of \$1,773,937.90 which included the total interest. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

It was shared a letter had been received from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce regarding funding for the annual fireworks event. It was noted the City contributed \$2,500 last year. Fullenkamp made a motion to contribute \$2,500 to the Chamber's fireworks event. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record that New Beginnings Faith Church's event date was June 8, 2025, not August 6, 2025. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was consideration of the health/medical insurance for City Employees. With uncertainties over budget issues regarding property taxes, City Officials felt they needed to look at options other than the current PHP plan. Mayor Rickord introduced the concept of going with Aim Medical Trust of Indiana, a firm which currently provides coverage for 75 cities throughout Indiana. It was shared that the Clerk's office staff had personally contacted several cities currently covered by Aim Medical Trust and reports were all positive. Following a discussion, Bowers-Shultz

made a motion to move forward with Aim Medical Trust. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Kevin Gerber reminded people to slow down with all the projects going on. Be mindful of others and don't park on sidewalks and street. Slow down, be safe.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared there was the first parking violation on 1st Street regarding the no parking there.

Building and Zoning Superintendent Curt Witte updated Council on code enforcement activity. He also asked city residents to mow their yard and clean up trash.

Utilities Auditor Erin Heyerly wanted to make everyone aware of their Get the Lead Out campaign that will taking place in June and July. It is a service line inventory that will include an on-line survey that can be accessed through the City's website. Contractors as well as City employees will be going door to door asking citizens questions regarding their service lines.

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 Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 7:30 p.m.