

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2024

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:30 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 Jenny Bowers-Shultz, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Scott Murray were in attendance, while Matt Dyer and Abby Wilder were absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the November 5, 2024 meeting and Murray made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 5, 2024 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

The first item listed on the agenda regarding the replat and rezoning of 417 Line Street, Decatur was delayed until December 3, 2024 as the Plan Commission was unable to meet earlier this evening due to a lack of quorum.

Thus, the first item on the agenda for action was reference to the holiday schedule for 2025. The schedule includes 14 paid holidays. Murray made a motion to accept the holiday schedule. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the ARP Funds which must be under contract by the end of the year. Various departments looked at areas of need. As a result, it was noted water infrastructure improvements were needed as follow: 12th Street at Nuttman to Jackson at \$26,169.06; Elm/Niblick Streets at \$29,238.06; First Street from Adams to Jefferson at \$24,545.82 and Adams Street to Rugg Street at \$18,700.41 for a total of \$98,653.35 for the water line improvements. Also considered was two (2) 265 Compact Track Loaders at a total of \$171,749 and a Caterpillar 305 Extractor at \$94,484.00. The cost of all projects proposed is \$364,886.35. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to commit to all projects at a cost of \$364,896.35 of ARP Funds. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman shared that \$12,000 to \$15,000 of ARP Funds still need to be allocated prior to the end of the year. Council Members were asked to consider any areas of need for the December, 2024 meeting. If funds are not allocated, they must be returned to the State.

Next on the agenda was Jeremy Friedt, President of the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Friedt gave the annual report for the Commission. Friedt noted a Beginning Year Balance of \$696,576.94 with an anticipated Year End Balance of \$590,000. Friedt outlined the 2024 project completed in 2024 including the cost as follow: Wayfinding Signs Downtown (\$42,765), Intersection of 13th /Winchester Streets

(\$177,103), Establishment of Residential TIF Districts (\$8,531), 1st Street Development Plans (\$26,399), 2nd Street Improvements north of Monroe Street (\$50,000), River Greenway Paving (\$45,000), and Belmont Continuing Education (\$50,000).

The Goals for 2025 included 2nd St Improvements, potential Housing Developments on 1st St, Winchester St., and the Merit Center, 13th St Improvements, and support quality of Life projects in the community. The budget also included \$50,000 for Continuing Education at Belmont High School.

It was shared that as a result of State Statute, the Commission needed to provide an Annual Spending Plan for 2025 which was presented by copies to each Member.

Mayor Rickord shared his appreciation for the work done by the Commission for the City and its residents.

It was shared that letters mandated by the State had gone to homes noting the possibility of lead lines. It was emphasized there are no issues about the City water, but they simply followed the State mandate. It was noted this is the first step in trying to complete and inventory of the City's water service lines.

Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman shared the 1782 notice regarding the budget had been received. He noted all budgets had been approved except the Police Budget. Hackman noted he had until Friday to respond and that he is awaiting a response from the State Board of Accounts.

Department Heads Input:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, noted leaf pick-up is in full swing. He notes with Thanksgiving next week, Thursday's trash route would be run on Friday and Fridays on Saturday.

Noting there would be a utility patching happening in the next week, Mayor Rickord added he had talked with Bunge and they have agreed to do some band-aid work on the rail lines with a promise to do major work in the spring.

Police Chief Kevin Gerber noted they are currently down to five applications. He noted they had participated in the Career Fair at Belmont High School.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, shared he had received a quote for the computer system maintenance agreement at \$1006.00 for one year, \$1316 for three years, and \$1462.00 for five years. Witte noted he will be accepting the quote for a 5-year maintenance agreement

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, Murray made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 7:09P P.M.