

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2024

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, December 17, 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, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Abby Wilder were in attendance. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting and Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 3, 2024 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Resolution 2024-12, a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds. Council Members were given the opportunity to question any of the transfers and following that Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Resolution 2024-12 by short title only. Seconded by Dyer the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2024-12 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-12. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the numerous encumbrances for approval by Council Members. The total of all encumbrances is \$425,126.74. Total encumbrances from the various funds were as follow: General Fund, \$17,106.00; LIT-Public Safety Fund, \$95,473.43; ARP-Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund, \$154,146.45; LIT-Economic Development, \$144,010.00; Public Art Fund, \$2,350.00; and CCI Fund, \$12,040.86. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to approve the list of Encumbrance Funds at a total of \$425,126.74. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Murray made a motion to make a matter of record the Conflict-of-Interest Forms signed by various City Employees who also do business with the City. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the various Certificates of Compliance with Nepotism Policy signed by Elected Officials. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was the recognition of two individuals—Sue Milholland and Mary Friedt—regarding their retirements from the Parks Department. Mayor Rickord noted his appreciation of their work and dedication to the residents of Decatur.

Resolution 2024-13, a resolution recognizing Sue Milholland regarding her retirement from the Decatur Parks Department was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion

to introduce Resolution 2024-13 in its entirety. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2024-13 in its entirety. Following the reading, Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-13. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Resolution 2024-14, a resolution recognizing Mary Friedt regarding her retirement from the Decatur Parks Department was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Resolution 2024-14 in its entirety. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2024-14 in its entirety. Following the reading, Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-14. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord applauded Sue Milholland and Mary Friedt and noted they had made Decatur a better place.

Various appointments by the Mayor and Council were brought forth:

Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record the Council's appointments of Aaron Rhymer and Craig Russett to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record the Mayor's appoints of Ron Storey, John Summers, and Jeremy Friedt to the Decatur Redevelopment Commission; and the appointment of Kevin McIntire and Shane Cauble to the Board of Zoning and Appeals; and the appointment of Josh Zimmerman to the Adams County Regional Sewer District; the appointment of Pete Braun to the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to ratify the appointment of Dick Stimpson to the Park Board as the appointment had not previously been made a matter of record. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman referenced an email he had sent to Council Members regarding the misappropriation of payments in 2023. Funds for the Kekionga Softball field had been allocated from ARPA funds, but this project was part of the PatroniCity fundraising program. Hackman noted he had made the proper adjustments and with the correction, a balance of approximately \$70,000 remained in ARPA funds. It was recommended to use the funds for the needed dump truck equipment rather than using Rainy Day Funds and to use any remaining funds for the purchase of a large concrete saw.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$49,000 for the purchase of the dump truck equipment. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to vacate the use of Rainy Day Funds for the purchase of the truck equipment. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Dyer made a motion to use the remaining funds of \$21,715.45 towards the purchase of a large concrete saw. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

Department Heads thanked the Council for everything they provided this year and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Council Input:

Bowers-Shultz asked the media to remind the public that applications are still needed for the City Flag. Applications are available at City Hall, the library, and on the City's website. Applications are due February 5, 2025.

Mayor Rickord wished all a happy and safe holiday.

Dyer 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 7:17 P.M.