

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2025

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:23 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, Abby Wilder, and Scott Murray 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 17, 2024 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

There was only one item on the agenda, Ordinance 2025-1, an ordinance to change the number of readings needed for the adoption of an ordinance from three (3) to two (2).

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2025-1 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2025-1 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2025-1 on its first reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2025-1 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2025-1 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-1 on its second reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2025-1 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2025-1 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-1 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Department Heads:

No verbal reports

Council Input:

Wilder, as a member of the MERIT Board, shared she had agreed to bring the concept of programs involving alcohol, such as wine and canvas, to be held at the MERIT Center before the Council. Following some discussion, Wilder will have the person in charge of the programs at the MERIT Center put a proposal in writing to be presented to the Council.

Mayor Rickord shared the State Legislative Dinner is to be held in Indianapolis on February 5, 2025 and noted if any Councilperson wished to attend to let him know before he made reservations tomorrow afternoon.

Bowers-Shultz reminded 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.

Fullenkamp 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 6:35 P.M.