

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:45 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 Jenny Bowers-Shultz, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, 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 February 3, 2026 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was a report that the Board of Public Works and Safety has approved the Annual Service Agreement with the Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) at their meeting earlier this evening at the amount of \$70,522.53. Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the Board of Public Works and Safety approval of the ACEDC Annual Agreement. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Attorney Anne Razo mentioned that the City of Decatur still owns the building now being used by the ACEDC on 2nd Street. We are waiting on the final grant approval before the building can be deeded from the City to the ACEDC.

Mayor Rickord shared that Cara Gerber had been named as the Parks Superintendent and introduced Ms. Gerber and welcomed her. Ms. Gerber will begin as the Parks Superintendent on February 24, 2026.

Wastewater Superintendent Karey Fuelling noted that as of September 1, 2026, IDEM had made several small changes regarding the Sewer Use Ordinance. Thus, Ordinance 2026-2, an ordinance which amends the Sewer Use Ordinance, was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2026-2 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2026-2 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to pass Ordinance 2026-2 on its first reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 2026-2 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2026-2 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-2 on its second reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote passed 5-0.

Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record the Certificate of Appointment of Alex Ainsworth to the Decatur Parks Board. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Wendy Gephart, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, had contacted the State Board of Accounts regarding a \$.45 discrepancy with the Bank of Berne as she had tried to reconcile the books since August of 2025. Resolution 2026-1, a resolution to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to make a one-time account reconciliation adjustment to the City's First Bank of Berne general checking account was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Resolution 2026-1 by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2026-1 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Department Heads Input:

No reports

Council Input:

Dyer shared that Krueckeberg Auction had come to the rescue of the Belmont Brave Generation as they were on their way to a competition this past weekend and their trailer had broken down. Krueckeberg loaned them his trailer.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the City as presented. 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 7:07 p.m.