

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2026

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, April 7, 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 March 17, 2026 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

It was noted a Public Hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The first item on the agenda was brought forth by Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent. Witte noted the ordinance requiring the planting of trees as part of a house-construction permit and also the inspections as part of the construction of a home needed to be increased. The tree fee of \$200 needs to be increased to \$225 and the inspection fee should be increased to about \$40 to cover the cost of employees' time. Witte noted he will bring a formal proposal regarding the increases to the April 21, 2026 meeting.

Dyer made a motion to make the Conflict of Interest form signed by Brandon Wiseman a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Murray made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment to the Park Board for Mollie Hackman a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

It being 7 p.m., Dyer made a motion to suspend the Council meeting for a Public Hearing. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo explained the reason for the Public Hearing regarding the concrete disposal fees at the Public Works Building. Attorney Razo sought speakers for or against the proposal. With no one appearing, she recommended closing the Public Hearing.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to reconvene the Council meeting. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2026-4, an ordinance to amend City of Decatur code of ordinances regarding training of internal control standards and procedures was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2026-4 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2026-4 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-4 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call passed 5-0.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the proper publication of the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2026-5, the concrete disposal fee increases. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2026-5, an ordinance to amend concrete disposal fees at the Elm Street Public Works Building, was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2026-5 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2026-5 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-5 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call passed 5-0.

Mayor Rickord noted that it was shared at the Department Heads' meeting this morning that the bids for the water project would be opened by the end of May. He shared the start of the project would likely be July or August and it would go into 2027. Mayor Rickord noted meetings would be held to keep everyone updated on the progress. He noted the project would result with great improvements in the water system.

Department Heads Input:

Cara Gerber, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, shared that the department will be closing one side at a time at the dog park to reseed. Gerber also noted that summer camps would start in early May and run through July for youth in grades 2 through 8.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, reminded the residents of the need to mow and cut weeds at least once every two weeks as per the City Ordinance.

Josh Zimmerman, Infrastructure Superintendent, noted work continues on 12th Street between Nuttman and Jackson. A section will be closed down behind Burger King.

Matt Schultz, Street and Sanitation Superintendent, noted heavy trash pick-up week is going well so far.

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 7:08 p.m.