

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 5, 2026

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:35 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, and Scott Murray were present. Abby Wilder was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting, and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Resolution 2026-4, a SRF Resolution for the Water Improvement Project. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to introduce Resolution 2026-4 by its short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Resolution 2026-4 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-4. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed with Wilder being absent.

Next on the agenda were eight (8) Form CF-1 tax abatement renewals for Personal Property and Real Estate for Hoosier Pattern Inc./RH Warehouse, LLC. The owner, Keith Gerber, was in attendance to answer any questions. Mr. Gerber was complimented for surpassing the estimated number of employees and the amount of payroll. Mr. Gerber shared things were going quite well right now.

The CF-1 Tax Abatement renewals for the personal property were first addressed.

The first Personal Property Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2018-14. Fullenkamp made a motion to renew CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2018-14. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The second Personal Property Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2019-11. Dyer made a motion to renew CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2019-11. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

The third Personal Property Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2022-12. Murray made a motion to renew the CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2022-12. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The fourth Personal Property Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2025-2. Dyer made a motion to renew the CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2025-2. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda were the Form CF-1 tax abatement renewals for Real Estate for Hoosier Pattern, Inc./RH Warehouse, LLC.

The first Real Estate Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2018-14. Murray made a motion to renew the CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2018-14. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

The second Real Estate Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2019-11. Murray made a motion to renew the CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2019-11. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

The third Real Estate Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2022-12. Murray made a motion to renew the CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2022-12. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

The fourth Real Estate Form CF-1 tax abatement considered was the one provided via Resolution 2025-2. Murray made a motion to renew the CF-1 tax abatement established by Resolution 2025-2. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion regarding this year's Chamber fireworks to be held on Thursday evening, July 2, 2026, the same evening as a Thursday concert on Madison Street Plaza. Mayor Rickord shared the Decatur Chamber is seeking more funds this year in order to have a special firework presentation to celebrate the 250-year anniversary celebration of the United States. It was shared the Chamber has collected about \$6,000 and has a goal of \$20,000 to \$25,000. Consideration for what is in the budget that could be used to contribute to the fund will be considered at the next meeting.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator, appeared before the Council regarding the funding for the Beautification Project spearheaded by the members of the Mayor's Youth Council. Ms. Gephart shared there were 38 applications that had been received for a total cost of \$16,659.81 with only \$15,000 included in the budget for the project. However, it was shared that there was over \$5,000 left in the Façade Fund. Thus, Ms. Gephart asked that \$1,659.81 be transferred from the Façade Fund to the Beautification Project Fund. Dyer made a motion to transfer \$1,659.81 from the Façade Fund to the Beautification Project Fund. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Community Coordinator Jamie Gephart gave an update regarding the annual Memorial Day Parade put on by the American Legion. With the bridge closed, some changes will be made for the parade route and the dropping of the wreath in the river on Monday, May 25, 2026.

Ordinance 2026-7, an ordinance that amends Ordinance 2021-11, for the purpose of reallocation of REV Sports Complex concession revenue to include deposits to the Parks Cash Change and Concession Fund, was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2026-7 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2026-7 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-7 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Dyer, a roll call passed 4-0 with Wilder being absent.

Ordinance 2026-8, an ordinance amending salary ordinance 2025-15 regarding rate of pay for Sanitation department and job titles/rate of pay changes for the Parks and Recreation department, was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2026-8 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2026-8 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-8 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote passed 4-0 with Wilder being absent.

At 7 P.M. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to suspend the Council meeting for a Public Hearing. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

City Attorney Anne Razo explained the purpose of the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-6 and asked for anyone wishing to speak for or against. There being no one wishing to speak, Attorney Razo recommended closing the Public Hearing.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to reconvene the Council Meeting. Seconded by Dyer, the motion passed.

Bowers-Shultz made a motion to make a matter of record that the Public Hearing had been properly publicized. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Ordinance 2026-6, an ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Decatur which amends Chapter 150, Section 150.357 of the Decatur Code of Ordinances of 2015 as supplemented to amend building permit fees and costs of demolition services by the City, was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2026-6 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Murray, the motion passed and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2026-6 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-6 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Murray, a roll call vote passed 4-0 with Wilder being absent.

Department Heads Input:

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared they will be heading to Wisconsin on May 18 and 19 for the final inspection of the new aerial truck. He also shared he had 18 applications for 2 open positions. The agility testing will take place on Saturday.

Cara Gerber, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, shared the numerous camps available for the youth this summer. She also noted that REV concession revenue for the past few tournaments was over \$17,000.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent, shared that smoke testing would begin soon. Notice will be given prior to the testing.

Matt Schultz, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, shared the banners honoring the veterans had arrived today. The banners will start going up soon.

Council Input:

Murray made a motion to pay the claims. Seconded by Dyer, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council, Dyer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 7:07 P.M.

