

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 5, 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 October 15, 2024 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Tim Myers, Wrestling Coach at Belmont High School, to hold a wrestling practice event on Madison Street Plaza on either November 13th or 14th, 2024 according to the best weather day. There will not be any street closings and only the sound system will be needed. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the wrestling event on Madison Street Plaza. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

It was noted that a request had been made at the October 15, 2024 meeting for a handicap parking space at 222 S. 4th Street. Thus, Ordinance 2024-18, an ordinance to provide for a handicap parking area at 222 S. 4th street was brought forward. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2024-18 on its first reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2024-18 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-18 on its first reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote passed 5-0. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2024-18 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-18 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-18 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 2024-18 on its third reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Ordinance 2024-18 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-18 on its third and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote showed passage with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Rickord shared that ordinances could be adopted with the second reading and asked City Attorney Anne Razo to look into the possibility.

Bowers-Shultz brought forth an update regarding the development of a City of Decatur Flag. Bowers-Shultz noted a contest will be held specifying the following contest criteria: 1) Entry is free and open to all, 2) Participants must complete and submit

a City of Decatur Flag Design Contest Entry Form with each entry with entry forms available at www.cityofdecatour.in.gov or hard copies are available at Decatur City Hall or the Decatur Library, 3) Design entries must be original work, 4) Participants must be able to explain their design and how it symbolizes the City of Decatur, and 5) full rules are found at www.cityofdecatour.in.gov. The winner selected will be awarded \$1,000 and all entries are due by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Department Heads Input:

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, noted leaf pick-up is in full swing. Although brush is still being collected, residents are asked not to place brush in with the leaves.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared the department had started working with the other fire departments regarding the fourth graders at the Survive Alive House.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, shared work is progressing at the 138 North Second Street building. With some demolition to come, he noted they may need to shut down the sidewalk for a week or so.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator, noted events taking place Downtown the next two Fridays, with the Main St Open House and Tree Lighting.

Council Input:

Mayor Rickord shared an event to be held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving with 18–24-year-olds. The event will be held at Villa Lanes with food being served and the purpose is to find out what the age group is looking for in amenities, housing, etc. in order to keep them in Decatur. Mayor Rickord shared that Jamie Gephart and Councilwoman Wilder had been helping in the planning of the event.

Murray 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 6:48 P.M.