

CITY OF DECATUR
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2025

The City of Decatur Common Council met on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 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 November 4, 2025 meeting and Dyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting as emailed. Seconded by Wilder, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda, Mayor Rickord noted members of the Mayor's Youth Council in attendance and had them introduce themselves.

The first item on the agenda was Ordinance 2025-17, an ordinance regarding the 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2025-17 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2025-17 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-17 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2025-18, an ordinance regarding time for regular firefighters working in relief, was brought forth. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to place Ordinance 2025-18 on its second reading by short title only. Seconded by Wilder, the motion passed and City Attorney Anne Razo read Ordinance 2025-18 by short title only. Bowers-Shultz made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-18 on its second and final reading. Seconded by Wilder, a roll call vote was held and passed 5-0.

City Attorney Anne Razo shared Indiana law mandates the Decatur Redevelopment Commission to adopt an annual spending plan which also has to be presented to the City Council for their review. Dyer made a motion to make a matter of record the Annual Spending Plan as adopted by the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. Seconded by Bower-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman reviewed the new process with CVET/FIT distributions as a result of new Indiana legislation. Hackman shared the ways the money could be distributed and recommended leaving the distributions in the general fund which would require no further action from Council. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept Hackman's recommendation to place the funds in the city's general fund. Seconded by Bowers-Shultz, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Hackman shared the budget for 2026 had been approved by Indiana's Department of Local Government Finance with only a few minor changes.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2025-16, a resolution in honor of former Mayor John L. Schultz who passed on October 24, 2025. Prior to the introduction of the resolution, Mayor Rickord, Council Members, and City Attorney Anne Razo made personal comments regarding their appreciation of John L. Schultz and his love of Decatur expressed through his work as a Council Member and as Mayor.

Resolution 2025-16, a resolution in memoriam John L. Schultz, was brought forth. Dyer made a motion to introduce Resolution 2025-16 in its entirety. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and Tim Baker, former City Attorney during Mayor Schultz's tenure, read Resolution 2025-16 in its entirety. Following the reading of the resolution, Dyer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-16. Seconded by Murray, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord thanked the members of John's family for being in attendance.

Department Heads Input:

Police Chief Kevin Gerber shared that Bellmont High School's Annual Career Fair went well and there was much interest from students in careers in law enforcement.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets shared this year's fourth grade students have gone through the Survive Alive House. He noted that since the building had been created in 2000 an estimated 11,000 students have gone through the program with the Decatur Fire Department.

Jamie Gephart, Community Coordinator, noted this coming weekend would include various events in the downtown area including the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Matt Schultz, Operations Superintendent, noted that leaf pick-up is underway, and overall, they are ahead of schedule. There are approximately 3 weeks left of leaf pick-up.

There were no comments from Council members.

Murray made a motion to pay the claims against the city as presented. Seconded by Fullenkamp, 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 6:58 p.m.