

Decatur City Council Meeting

August 07, 2017

The Decatur City Council met in regular session Monday, August 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Decatur Municipal Building Conference Room.

I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Bob Tharp called meeting to order at 6:00 pm with a quorum present. Alderwoman Sandy Duncan gave the invocation.

Aldermen Answering Roll Call: Sandy Duncan, Bill Montgomery, Ladale Clayton, Linda Martin, & James Jessen arrived @ 6:05pm
(Those absent: Alderwoman Robin Holt)

Others in attendance: Mayor Bob Tharp, Recorder/Treasurer Kim Wilkins

II. Comments From Citizens:

Volunteer Fireman Eric Anderson handed out thank you cards from his son Remington. He just wanted to express his gratitude for all the help that the Fire Department and City did with their son.

III. Approval of "Other Business" To Be Added To Agenda:

Alderwoman Sandy Duncan would like to add legalizing side by sides where they can be driven in the City limits. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Ladale Clayton. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. Approve July Council Minutes

Alderman Bill Montgomery made a motion to approve the July Council Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Linda Martin. Motion passed 5-0.

V. July Financial Statements:

Alderwoman Linda Martin made a motion to accept the July Financial Statements as presented. Alderwoman Sandy Duncan seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. 2nd Reading Museum Lease/Railroad Lease/Parking Ordinance 17-02 Ordinance 17-02: An Ordinance Establishing Restrictions For Parking In The Lot Near The Railroad Depot; And For Other Purposes.

Alderwoman Ladale Clayton made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-02 on its 2nd reading by title only. Motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sandy Duncan. City Attorney Michael Nutt read ordinance 17-02 by title only. The Mayor said poll the council on the 2nd reading of Ordinance 17-02 the following voted aye: Alderman James Jessen, Alderwoman Linda Martin, Alderwoman Ladale Clayton, Alderman Bill Montgomery, and Alderwoman Sandy Duncan. Motion passed 5-0.

VII. Decatur Housing Authority Minutes April 4, 2017

Alderman James Jessen made a motion to approve the Decatur Housing Authority Minutes for April 4, 2017 as presented. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Linda Martin. Motion passed 5-0.

Other Business Item: Alderwoman Ladale Clayton ask if any other surrounding Cities had an ordinance which allowed citizens to drive their side by sides in the city limits she thought City of Gentry had one. It was decided to look and see if any of the other Cities do have one and if so bring it to the next council meeting.

VIII. Planning & Zoning Appointment Randy Boone

Planning & Zoning would like to recommend that Randy Boone be added to the Commission. Motion to approve the recommendation of adding Randy Boone to the Planning & Zoning Commission was made by Alderman Bill Montgomery. Motion seconded by Alderman James Jessen. Motion passed 5-0.

IX. Friends of Decatur Appointment Carolyn Rush

It was decided by the Council that we no longer can send money through the Fire Department 501(c) 3 account per State Auditor. The Johnson family will have to be advised of the change. Alderwoman Linda Martin will be checking with Gravette Museum to see how they got a 501(c) 3 account. Mayor Tharp did want to recommend Carolyn Rush to this committee, but this item will be tabled until next month's council meeting.

X. Committee Report

Parks Committee: did not meet.

Historical Committee: They met. They had forum on discussing the west side of the library and downtown Decatur trying to find out the history of each building, until they make it through all of Main Street. Next month's meeting will be a business meeting.

Library Board: did not meet.

Economic & Development: did not meet.

Cemetery: did not meet.

Planning & Zoning: did not meet. They will be having s a meeting Tuesday September 12, 2017 @ 6pm.

XI. Department Reports

Water: James Boston was absent. We pumped out of the wells 28,645,891 gallons. We purchased from 2-Ton 28,289,000 gallons; making the total for the month 56,934,891 gallons.

Wastewater: We did not have a report since James was absent.

Police: We had a total of 114 citations, 52 warnings, and 15 warrants, picked up 17 dogs, and had 151 calls for service. The Police body cams are all set up and in use. They want to thank Alderwoman Ladale Clayton for the lunch she served them during the Decatur BBQ and for the Fire Department going and buying pizza. Chief Savage is working with the prosecuting attorney to try and get our drug funds raised. They have issued 5 tickets by the pool with citizens going the wrong way.

Fire: Fire Chief Jeremy Luker had a total of 34 calls for the month of July. They have had over 200 calls so numbers are high for 2017. They have been working on hydrants for the ISO rating. Today 6 hydrants were done and had to bag 2 hydrants for repairs. They have about 124 hydrants that have to be checked. When one doesn't work it has to be called in to dispatch and they will log it in and tell them the next closest place for hydrant if needed. Chief Luker will report on more hydrants at next meeting. They are down one volunteer fireman David Flynt has retired, and he also resigned from the Benton County Fire Association Board. Joey Gunter also has a light bar he would like to sale to Fire Department for \$300 to put on the black and white Fire Dept. car. Motion was made by Alderman Bill Montgomery to purchase light bar for \$ 300 from Joey Gunter. Motion seconded by James Jessen. Motion passed 5-0.

XII. Next Month's Agenda

Mayor would like a certified letter sent to buyers, who purchased lot on Timberline. He also would like an update on the sell of the Disc Filter system by James Boson. City of Decatur will also be published in the Business Weekly Magazine in the near future.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Linda Martin. It was seconded by Alderman James Jessen. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Bob Tharp, Mayor

Kim Wilkins, Recorder