

Village of Decatur
Regular Council Meeting, Monday, October 11 2018

Present: Elwaer, Jackson, Mead, Pachner, Stull Gunther

Absent: Hayes

Guests: Police Chief VanDerWoude; and 20 visitors.

The meeting was called to order in the Decatur Village Hall by President Elwaer at 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Elwaer.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment was given.

Public Comment

3. Mead moved, Stull seconded, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Agenda, Minutes from the September 10th Regular Meeting, and Bills totaling \$95,480.13. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda

4. Letter from David Walker: He sent a letter to Chief VanDerWoude about what a great job Officer Tom Dahlquist did apprehending a suspect.

Correspondence

5. Downtown Stage Plan – Mary Miller from the Chamber of Commerce presented a stage idea proposal in the downtown area. The stage would be a permanent fixture in the downtown area between Harley’s and RC Auto on the parcel that will be owned by the DDA.

Downtown Stage Plan

6. Officer Reports

Officer Reports

a. Village Attorney’s Report

i. Robert & Anna Hurd – Blight: Village Manager Newton is investigating clean-up options.

ii. Jill Nicks – Blight: Default Order/Judgement has been submitted to District Court, Village Manager Newton is investigating clean -up options.

iii. Cheryl Wright – Blight & Long Grass: {re-Trial Conference has been scheduled in this matter.

iv. Sandra Villarreal – Blight: Ms. Villarreal appeared and plead guilty to blight violations.

b. Department of Public Work’s Report

i. September was a busy month for us, the alley construction project started. Trees were taken down. Sidewalks were repaired, and the stumps from the trees that were taken down were cleaned up and top dirtied. The water service to 515 Cherry Lane was replaced. 2 loads of salt were delivered. Generators were serviced and issues were found at #1 lift station and well house, both were repaired. Both lift stations had other issues besides generators that were addressed and both are now working properly. Trash and recycle receptacles were delivered. The dually had front end work done. Park maintenance was done and greenbrier terrace was patched. The fire hydrant by McDonald’s was hit. Anything on your mind call me anytime.

c. Chief of Police Report

i. The police department assisted with the Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 28th.

ii. More news on the November 30th Homicide, on September 13th the Prosecutor’s Office issued another warrant in this case.

- iii. An officer was requested from Decatur Township to have an officer at their Township Meeting. There were several concerns with certain individuals speaking out at the meeting. No concerns were brought up, we received a letter from Janet Abashagen thanking us for having an officer at their meeting.
- d. Village Clerk and Treasurer's Report
 - i. Babcock indicated that within the first two weeks of September \$380,362.24 in taxes were collect, which accounted for approximately 65.23% of the total amount of taxes payable to the Village.
 - ii. Babcock stated that work on implementing Invoice Cloud will take place in October.
 - iii. Babcock indicated that she will be looking into a Time Sheet Module to keep track of employee timecards.
- e. Village Manager's Report
 - i. Newton noted that ADARS Reporting was completed as required by ACT 51.
 - ii. Newton stated work is continuing on getting the new website and email service set up and ready to go.
 - iii. Newton stated that the alleyway project is moving along. New water and sewer mains have been installed. Newton stated is anticipated construction to be completed towards the middle of November.
 - iv. Newton indicated that the change for billing for Waste Management has gone well. For September, all residential services have billed along with water and sewer services.
 - v. Newton stated that bids are currently being taken for upcoming water/sewer projects that were budgeted in the current fiscal year.
 - vi. Newton stated that that fall flowers were planted in the DDA park lining the sidewalk to the small pavilion as well as the horse trough.
 - vii. Newton stated that weed treatment was completed at the beach area at Red Woolfe Park. This will help with preventing them from sprouting next year. Newton also stated he was looking in refine the beach area a bit more next spring to ensure that the area is back to all sand and presents much better. Newton also indicated that options were being explored for updating the existing grills at the park as well.
 - viii. Newton stated that the Red Woolfe Park to be renamed Benson-Pasley Pavilion in honor of Dortha's many years of service to the community as Head Lifeguard & Swimming Instructor.

7. Discussion – AEP Transmission Line Upgrade

- i. Discussion was held that AEP is upgrading the East Valley Transmission Line in March of 2019. AEP will be upgrading 4 aging wood poles with steel monopole structures. In order to facilitate the upgrades, AEP requested that we update the existing easements that dates back to 1949. As part of the easement update, AEP will be paying the village \$2,500.00 per easement for the 4 easements, in a total net payment to the Village of \$10,000.00.

*AEP Transmission
Line Upgrade*

8. Unfinished Business

- i. Edgar Bergen Buildings – Discussion was held and decided that the sale of this building be sent to the Planning Commission for further review.

*Edgar Bergen
Building*

9. New Business

- a. Gunther moved, Pachner seconded, CARRIED, to approve Girls on the Run to hold an event in the village on May 31st, 2019. *GOTR 2019*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Stull, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead
No: None
Abs: Hayes
- c. Mead moved, Jackson seconded, CARRIED, to approve Trick-or-Treating Hours from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM on October 31st. *Halloween Hours*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Stull, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead
No: None
Abs: Hayes
- d. Jackson moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to cast the village's vote for Robert Clark and Paula Zelenko for the Board of Directors of the MML Liability and Property Pool *MML L&P Pool – Official Ballot for Directors*
Roll call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Pachner, Stull, Elwaer, Gunther, Mead
No: None
Abs: Hayes
- e. Mead moved, Stull seconded, CARRIED, to approve the bid from Krogel's Auto Service in the amount of \$808.00. *DPW Tires for Chevy 2500*
Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Jackson, Mead, Elwaer, Pachner, Stull, Gunther
No: None
Abs: Hayes
10. Public Comment was given. *Public Comment*
11. Council Comment was given. *Council Comment*
12. Mead moved, Gunther seconded, CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM *Adjournment*