

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

Workshop and regular meeting of the Decatur City Council was called to order by Mayor McQuiston at 5:30 p.m. Mayor McQuiston declared a moment of silence. Councilmember Carpenter led the pledge. Those present included: Mayor Mike McQuiston, Council members: Eddie Allen, Will Carpenter, Jake Hayes, Debra Jackson, and Melinda Reeves. Council members Darlene Hilton was absent. Staff members present: City Manager Nate Mara, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Boyd, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, Assistant Public Works Director Joe Guinn, Public Works Executive Administrative Assistant Katherine Griffith, Planning Director Dedra Ragland, Planning Coordinator Cheryl Fuss, City Attorney Pam Liston and Austin Jackson representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: City Engineer Earl Smith.

***WORKSHOP 5:30 p.m.***

Planning and Zoning Board Members present included: Will Klose, Mason Woodruff, Eilleen Cross, John Lanier, and Shelby Hicks. Discussion held regarding the sign ordinance rewrite. Attorney Cynthia Kirchoff identified a few problems with the current ordinance and presented relief procedures. The addition of more types of signs in the downtown area and increasing the pole sign height. Giving the Planning Director administrative authority to give a 20 percent variance for height and square footage. Prohibited signs include: digital billboards, off-premises signs, signs on fences, stake signs, and any sign not expressly allowed. Attorney Kirchoff requested additional direction and or comment from Council and staff before ordinance can be finalized.

***REGULAR MEETING 6:44 p.m.***

1. CONDUCT A 1ST PUBLIC HEARING, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY: IDENTIFIED AS BEING AN APPROXIMATE 16.84 ACRE TRACT KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF US HWY 380 GENERALLY BETWEEN THE 1400 BLOCK THROUGH THE 1600 BLOCK OF US HWY 380, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mayor McQuiston opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. No public comment. Public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

2. CONDUCT A 2ND PUBLIC HEARING, REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS OF CERTAIN PROPERTY: IDENTIFIED AS BEING AN APPROXIMATE 16.84 ACRE TRACT KNOWN AS A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF US HWY 380 GENERALLY BETWEEN THE 1400 BLOCK THROUGH THE 1600 BLOCK OF US HWY 380, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mayor McQuiston opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m. No public comment. Public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

3. CONSIDER SECOND READING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS BEING AN APPROXIMATE 1.747 ACRE TRACT KNOWN AS THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 4127 ADJACENT TO 3472 S US HIGHWAY 287, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN. **ORDINANCE 2023-03-06**

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve ordinance 2023-03-06 as presented. Councilmember Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER SECOND READING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2022-09-23 AMENDING THE CITY OF DECATUR SCHEDULE OF FEES AND ADOPTING A NEW CITY OF DECATUR SCHEDULE OF FEES AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL FEES; WATER DEPARTMENT TAMPER FEE; FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY FEES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FEES IMPOSED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE TO BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023. **ORDINANCE 2023-03-07**

Councilmember Hayes moved to approve ordinance 2023-03-07 as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS FROM WISE ASSET PROPERTY, LTD., BEING 0.617 ACRES, OUT OF THE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 401 FOR A 36-INCH STORM SEWER AND DETENTION POND; 0.539 ACRES OUT OF THE ANTONIO HERNANDEZ SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 401 FOR A 12-INCH WATER LINE; AND AN EASEMENT FROM WINWOOD CLUB APARTMENTS, LTD., BEING 0.333 ACRES OUT OF THE HUGH HENDERSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 369 FOR A 12-INCH WATER LINE.

Mayor McQuiston moved to approve the easement for a 36-inch storm sewer and detention pond as presented. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Hayes moved to approve the easement for a 12-inch water line as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Hayes moved to approve the easement for abstract no. 369 as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PARADISE FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.

Chief Building Official Wayne Smith informed Council; the City of Paradise would like to use our Code Enforcement officer one day per week. The agreement has not been finalized. This is just an informational item and not necessary to take action.

7. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A UNIFIED MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ENA SERVICES, LLC FOR COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

Councilmember Reeves made a motion to approve the agreement with ENA Services, LLC. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPOINT BRIAN SCROGGINS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD, REPLACING NANCY ROSENDAHL WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2024.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve the appointment as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. COUNCIL TO HEAR PUBLIC INPUT (please complete a Speaker Registration Form before speaking) each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes, the Open Meeting Act does not allow for discussion in response to the comments, comments should be directed to the Council as a whole rather than to individual members, and no action will be taken by the Council.

No public comment.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT


Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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Mike McQuiston, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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Asucena Garcia, TRMC, City Secretary