

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Workshop and regular meeting of the Decatur City Council was called to order by Mayor McQuiston at 6:00 p.m. Mayor McQuiston declared a moment of silence. Councilmember Reeves led the pledge. Those present included: Mayor Mike McQuiston, Council members: Eddie Allen, Will Carpenter, Jake Hayes, Debra Jackson, and Melinda Reeves. Council member Darlene Hilton was absent. Staff members present: City Manager Nate Mara, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, Fire Chief Deroy Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Boyd, Executive EDC Director Kevin Holzbog, Public Works Director Greg Hall, Assistant Public Works Director Joe Guinn, Public Works Executive Administrative Assistant Katherine Griffith, Finance Director Ana Cañada, Chief Building Official Wayne Smith, Planning Director Dedra Ragland, Planning Coordinator Cheryl Fuss, Human Resource Directors MaryAnn Henline and Judi Conger, City Secretary Asucena Garcia, City Attorney Pam Liston, and Austin Jackson representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: City Engineer Earl Smith

REGULAR MEETING

1. PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE WISE HOPE SHELTER & CRISIS CENTER, LIGHTHOUSE ACRES, WISE COUNTY CHRISTIAN COUNSELING, WISE COUNTY SALVATION ARMY, AND ACTS4OTHERS.

Mayor McQuiston made presentation to recipients.

2. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATING A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 380 AS THE LOST BATTALION MEMORIAL HIGHWAY. **RESOLUTION R2023-05-10**

Councilmember Reeves moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, ADOPTING TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. **RESOLUTION R2023-05-11**

Executive EDC Director Holzbog addressed Council stating this resolution is largely administrative in nature and required every two years.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR FUNDING WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DECATUR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. **RESOLUTION R2023-05-12**

Public Works Director Hall informed Council this is a 90/10 grant. The project is estimated at \$200,000 and would cost the City \$20,000.

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

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS FROM WISE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BEING 0.082 ACRES, 0.074 ACRES AND THE ABANDONEMENT OF 0.091 ACRES IN THE G. M. VIGIL SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 857 AND BEING A PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1, WISE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Councilmember Hayes moved to accept the easements from Wise County as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER SECOND READING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY 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, EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN. **ORDINANCE 2023-05-11**

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

7. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A GOVERNMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN NATIONAL LEASING COMPANY FOR A 2023 FORD F150 SUPERCREW 4X2 AND A 2023 CHEVROLET SILVERADO REGULAR CAB 4WD VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the lease with ANLC as presented. Councilmember Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing Items:

Open public hearing at 6:14 pm

8. PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE 2022 ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT (CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT).

No public comments.

9. HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST TO FINAL PLAT LOTS 3R-1 AND 3R-2, BLOCK 78, SOUTH DECATUR ADDITION, BEING APPROXIMATELY A 0.337 ACRE TRACT OF LAND TO CREATE TWO (2) LOTS LOCATED EAST OF TRINITY STREET AND NORTH OF PARK STREET IN THE CITY OF DECATUR, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1307 SOUTH TRINITY STREET. **(APPLICATION RP2023-02—MR. ERIC LANGTO) (THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL, 6-0.)**

Councilmember Hayes moved to approve application RP2023-02 as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Close public hearing at 6:18 pm

Non-Public Hearing Items:

10. **V2023-07** CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A REQUEST FROM ERIC LANGTO FOR A VARIANCE FROM REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL SIDEWALK ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1307 S. TRINITY STREET, DECATUR, TEXAS, ALONG S. TRINITY STREET. **(APPLICATION V2023-07—MR. ERIC LANGTO) (THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMEND DENIAL, 6-0.)**

Councilmember Reeves moved to approve the variance as presented. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **V2023-08 CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A REQUEST FROM ERIC LANGTO FOR A VARIANCE FROM REQUIREMENTS TO INSTALL SIDEWALK ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1307 S. TRINITY STREET, DECATUR, TEXAS, ALONG E. PARK STREET. (APPLICATION V2023-08—MR. ERIC LANGTO) (THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL, 6-0.)**

Councilmember Hayes moved to approve the variance as presented. Councilmember Allen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **PRESENTATION BY CITY MANAGER REGARDING NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FUTURE PROJECT FUNDING.**

The Decatur City Council will consider issuing approximately \$15 million in bonds over the next two years to cover the increased cost of the city's new police station and other pressing infrastructure projects. Since budgeting \$18.2 million to build a new police station through a \$34 million bond issuance in 2022, the city has braced for an updated estimate that reflects the recent volatility in the construction market. In a presentation to the council Monday, Decatur City Manager Nate Mara shared that the police building is now expected to cost \$26.6 million, an \$8 million increase. According to the city's projections, the bond package would bring Decatur's tax rate to 66.7 cents per \$100 valuation in 2024, then 67.9 cents in 2025. The current tax rate is 64.528 cents. The bonds would fund a series of water projects and cover the design of Decatur Fire Department's second station on the south side of the city.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA** – All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2023, MARCH 13, 2023, AND MARCH 27, 2023.
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BILLS AND INVOICES FOR APRIL 2023.
- C. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY THE EAST SIDE ALUMNI TO CLOSE BROWN AND ARTHUR STREETS FOR A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT LOUIDA WILLIS PARK FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 10:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023.
- D. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT FOR THE MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD WITH TERMS TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2023:
 - a. Erin Murphy
 - b. Julie Perkins
 - c. Kerry Clower
 - d. Christie Rhine
 - e. J.D. Clark
 - f. Marie Rieger
- E. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON RE-APPOINTMENTS OF HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS WITH TERMS TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2025:
 - a. Dwight Reeves
 - b. Jerry Watson
- F. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT FOR THE CONFERENCE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD WITH TERMS TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2025:
 - a. Danny Cross
 - b. Carey Williams
- G. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF PARKS BOARD MEMBERS WITH TERMS TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2025:

- a. Ashlee Bohn
 - b. William Cross
 - c. Jeremiah Greene
- H. CONSIDER RE-APPOINTMENT OF LIBRARY BOARD WITH TERMS TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2025:
- a. Jo Neil Henderson
 - b. Troy Bagwell
 - c. Betty Carson

There are two typographical errors, the Main Street Advisory Board reappointment terms expire in 2025 not 2023. The Library Board reappointment is for Carol Ann not Betty Carson. Councilmember Allen moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections as presented. Councilmember Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Convened into executive session at 6:57 p.m.

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.001, ET SEQ., THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING) TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:

PERSONNEL MATTERS. §551.074: TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER.

15. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION** – IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551, THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION TO CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Reconvened into open session at 7:50 p.m.

No action taken.

16. **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.

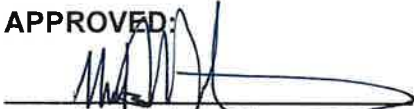
17. **COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



APPROVED:


Mike McQuiston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Asucena Garcia, TRMC, City Secretary