

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

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. Addyson Campbell led the pledge, Mayor McQuiston presented a certificate of appreciation. Those present included: Mayor Mike McQuiston, Councilmembers Eddie Allen, Will Carpenter (arrived at 6:13 p.m.), Jake Hayes, Darlene Hilton, Debra Jackson and Melinda Reeves. Staff members present: City Manager Nate Mara, Fire Chief Deroy Bennett, Assistant Fire Chief Joe Boyd, Fire Prevention Captain Chris Mercer, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall, Assistant Public Works Director Joe Guinn, Public Works Executive Administrative Assistant Katherine Griffith, Chief Building Official Wayne Smith, Finance Director Ana Cañada, Human Resource Director MaryAnn Henline, IT Director J.B. McKenzie, Technology Services Technician Sebastian Davis, City Secretary Asucena Garcia, Attorney Marie Johnson and Richard Greene representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: City Engineer Earl Smith.

REGULAR MEETING 6:00 p.m.

1. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER AND STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE BUDGET AS REPRESENTED IN "SCHEDULE A"; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **ORDINANCE 2022-09-21**

Council member Hilton moved to approve the ordinance with an effective date of October 1, 2022. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 6-0-0.

2. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS APPROVING THE 2022 CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL; LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR 2022 AT \$0.645258 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE REVENUES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND INTEREST AND SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING DUE AND DELINQUENT DATES; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **ORDINANCE 2022-09-22**

Council member Allen moved to approve the ordinance with an effective date of October 1, 2022. Council Member Hilton seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

3. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023. **RESOLUTION 2022-09-17**

Councilmember Hilton moved to approve the resolution as presented. Councilmember Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

4. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DECATUR AUTHORIZING THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

BULLET RESISTANT SHIELD FOR PATROL RESPONSE TO ACTIVE THREATS GRANT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE. **RESOLUTION 2022-09-15**

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM (RAMP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DECATUR AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve and authorize City Manager to execute the agreement as presented. Councilmember Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO AWARD BID TO EAGLE LABS, INC., DESOTO TEXAS FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER TREATMENT CHEMICALS TO THE ROYCE W. SIMPSON WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THE RAW WATER PUMP STATION LOCATIONS, FOR THE INITIAL TERM OF ONE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 WITH TWO RENEWAL OPTIONS OF ONE YEAR EACH AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

Councilmember Hilton moved to award the bid to Eagle Labs, Inc. as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DECATUR AND ONCOR LLC REGARDING THE LOCATION OF UTILITY LINES ON AIRPORT PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Councilmember Hilton moved to approve the agreement as presented. Councilmember Reeves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN EASEMENT ABANDONMENT BEING 0.0620 ACRES OF LAND, PART OF A 20 FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT AND BEING PART OF LOT 4-R, BLOCK 59-R, SOUTH DECATUR ADDITION.

Councilmember Reeves moved to approve the easement abandonment as presented. Councilmember Hilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF THE CITY OF DECATUR AND THE DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH TARRANT COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL AND TARRANT COUNTY ARSON TASK FORCE FOR FIRE AND EXPLOSION INVESTIGATIONS; AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

Councilmember Hilton moved to approve the interlocal agreement as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF DECATUR'S PERSONNEL POLICIES.

City Manager Mara addressed Council; before the new paid time off system was approved, some employees had a bank of sick time. Should employees be allowed to have full access to the banked sick time without barriers? Councilmembers Reeves and Hayes expressed their support for full access to accrued time. Councilmember Allen stated it was irresponsible to allow employees to bank hundreds of hours and a barrier should be in place, however he stated he would defer to staff. Councilmember Hilton was concerned the banked sick time would be abused.

11. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO PERSONAL TIME OFF AND SICK TIME POLICIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **RESOLUTION 2022-09-16**

Councilmember Reeves moved to approve the resolution without barriers for sick leave as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1-0 with Councilmember Hilton voting against.

12. CONSIDER A FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2022-03-15 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 LIBRARY FINES; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FEES IMPOSED FOR DESIGNATED PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022.

First reading held.

13. CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, GRANTING A PETITION REQUESTING ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 157.31 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE H.D. DONALD SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1158 AND THE JOHN C. LOGAN SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 494, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING ALL OF THE DARCY LEE KNAPP FRICKS, SHELLY LYNN KNAPP AND JAMES CHRISTOPHER KNAPP CALLED 150.672 ACRE TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 720, PAGE 487, DEED RECORDS WISE COUNTY, TEXAS AND ALL OF THE MILDRED KNAPP CALLED 15.00 ACRE TRACT AS DESCRIBED IN VOLUME 355, PAGE 49 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 380 AND BUSINESS U.S. 380, WISE COUNTY, TEXAS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED WITHIN; SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ANNEXATION; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO HAVE NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING PUBLISHED; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A WRITTEN SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **RESOLUTION 2022-09-23** (Applicants: Developer: Engineering Concepts & Design, LP, on Behalf of Landowners, James C. Knapp, Darcy Knapp Fricks, and Shelly Knapp, et al.)

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

14. **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 AUGUST 22, 2022.
- B. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BILLS AND INVOICES FOR AUGUST 2022.
- C. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY SHANNON BLACK TO HOLD A TURKEY TROT 5K AND 1K FUN RUN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, CLOSING THE 100 BLOCKS OF STATE AND MAIN STREET FROM 7:00 TO 11:30 A.M., THE PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT RAQUEL'S WINGS.
- D. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY WISE HEALTH CLINICS TO HOLD A SUICIDE AWARENESS WALK ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

- E. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL TO CONDUCT THE DECATUR 2022 HOMECOMING PARADE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022.
- F. CONSIDER A REQUEST BY SHAUN DAVIE TO CLOSE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH STATE AND 100 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. FOR THE TOSSING FOR ACRES FUNDRAISER EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022.

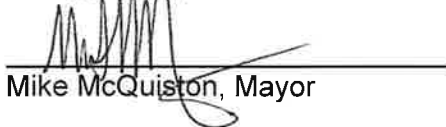
Councilmember Allen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Hilton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. 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 comments.

16. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED:


Mike McQuiston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Asucena Garcia, TRMC, City Secretary

