

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, September 26, 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. Cadrian and Braylon Gregg led the pledge, Mayor McQuiston presented a certificate of appreciation. Those present included: Mayor Mike McQuiston, Councilmembers Eddie Allen, Will Carpenter, Jake Hayes, Darlene Hilton, Debra Jackson and Melinda Reeves. Staff members present: City Manager Nate Mara, Fire Chief Dero Bennett, Fire Prevention Captain Chris Mercer, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall, Chief Building Official Wayne Smith, Finance Director Ana Cañada, IT Director J.B. McKenzie, Technology Services Technician Sebastian Davis, Planning Coordinator Cheryl Fuss, City Secretary Asucena Garcia, and Richard Greene representing the Wise County Messenger. Connected via videoconferencing: Attorney Robin Cross and City Engineer Earl Smith.

**REGULAR MEETING 6:00 p.m.**

1. PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> THRU 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

Mayor McQuiston presented proclamation to Fire Chief Bennett and Fire Department Clowns.

2. PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE WISE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING, THE OWLS ACTIVITY CENTER AND THE WISE CHOICES PREGNANCY RESOURCES CENTER.

Mayor McQuiston made presentation to fund recipients.

3. HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM AL WESTFALL WITH THE WISE COUNTY VETERANS GROUP.

Mr. Westfall gave presentation regarding the American Veteran Traveling Tribute Wall that will be in Decatur on March 28, 2023.

4. HEAR A PRESENTATION FROM FRIENDS OF THE PARK.

Kelly Bramlett Vice President of Keep Decatur Beautiful made presentation.

5. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DUANE BARRITT TO PROVIDE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT, POOL, AND HOTEL/MOTEL INSPECTIONS FOR THE CITY OF DECATUR; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED COUNTERPARTS.

Council member Reeves moved to approve the contract with Duane Barritt as presented. Council Member Carpenter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

6. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DECATUR AND THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

Council member Hilton moved to approve the interlocal agreement as presented. Council Member Hayes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS ABANDONING A UTILITY EASEMENT LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR RECORDATION IN THE WISE COUNTY LAND RECORDS TO SERVE AS A QUITCLAIM DEED; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE ABANDONMENT OF THE UTILITY EASEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR INDEMNIFICATION.

First reading held.

8. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A SECOND 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. **ORDINANCE 2022-09-23**

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

9. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PETITION FOR AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADVISABILITY OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF VISTA PARK PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 WITHIN THE CITY OF DECATUR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 372, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAILING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. **RESOLUTION 2022-09-19**

No action taken.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:**

10. HEAR STAFF REPORT AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE CITY OF DECATUR SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTION 15-7(A)(13) WALL SIGNS. SPECIFICALLY, APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CUMULATIVE WALL SIGN AREA THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA OF 130 SQ. FT. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING A 48 SQ. FT. WALL SIGN ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OF THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE BUILDING ATTACHED TO THE ELEVATOR SHAFT, WHICH, IN TOTAL, IS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA BY 28 SQ. FT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1713 S. FM 51, DECATUR, TEXAS. **(APPLICATION V2022-10—TRACY HORTON, ON BEHALF OF MH SIGNS OF TEXAS)**

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the variance as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. HEAR STAFF REPORT AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE CITY OF DECATUR SIGN ORDINANCE, SECTION 15-7(A)(13) WALL SIGNS. SPECIFICALLY, APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A CUMULATIVE WALL SIGN AREA THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA OF 130 SQ. FT. THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING A 110 SQ. FT. WALL SIGN ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR OF THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE BUILDING, WHICH, IN TOTAL, IS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SIGN AREA BY 138.00 SQ FT. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1713 S. FM 51, DECATUR, TEXAS. **(APPLICATION V2022-11—TRACY HORTON, ON BEHALF OF MH SIGNS OF TEXAS)**

Councilmember Carpenter moved to approve the variance as presented. Councilmember

Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**END OF PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT:**

- 12. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON A REQUEST OF THE DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CLOSURE OF 100 BLOCK OF NORTH STATE AND 100 BLOCK OF WEST MAIN STREET CLOSED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th FROM 5:00 TO 9:00 P.M. FOR THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.

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

- 13. 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.

- 14. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

  
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 Mike McQuiston, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Asucena Garcia, TRMC, City Secretary

