

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 22 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. Emmi Mercer led the pledge, Mayor McQuiston presented a certificate of appreciation. Those present included: Mayor Mike McQuiston, Councilmembers Eddie Allen, Will Carpenter, Jake Hayes, Melinda Reeves, Darlene Hilton and Debra Jackson. Staff members present: 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, Library Director Dawn Wilbert, 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 and Attorney Robin Cross.

REGULAR MEETING at 6:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

1. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.
2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING THE 2022 AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF \$0.645258.

No public comment

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:

3. FIRST 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.

First reading held.

4. FIRST 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.

First reading held.

5. CONSIDER TAKING ACTION ON A SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DECATUR, TEXAS, AMENDING VARIOUS SUBSECTIONS OF SECTION 303, "PARKLAND DEDICATION AND DEVELOPMENT", OF CHAPTER 3, "GENERAL SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT", OF APPENDIX A, "SUBDIVISIONS", OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION REGARDING APPLICABILITY OF THE CITY'S PARKLAND DEDICATION REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE INCORPORATION OF PREMISES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF AND EACH AND EVERY DAY A VIOLATION OCCURS ON CONTINUES SHALL CONSTITUTE A SEPARATE VIOLATION; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Hilton moved to approve ordinance 2022-08-20 as presented. Councilmember Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall and Human Resource Director MaryAnn Henline informed Council; under the new policy, all time off would be PTO and is earned on a prorated basis according to the employee's anniversary date. New employees start earning PTO after 90 days. For 40-hour per week employees in years one to five the annual PTO hours are 128 and employees can accrue a maximum of 256 hours. The 12-hour shift worker with one to five years earns 134 and can accrue 268 hours. The 24-hour shift worker in the category earns 154 hours and can accrue 308.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve the personnel policy revisions as presented. Councilmember Hayes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **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 8, 2022.
- B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REQUEST BY WILLIAM BROOKS FOR THE JERRY BROOKS MEMORIAL RUN TO OCCUR ON OCTOBER 8, 2022.
- C. CONSIDER REQUEST BY WISE CHOICES PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER TO CLOSE W. COTTONWOOD STREET BETWEEN TRINITY STREET AND STATE STREET AND THE 700 BLOCK OF NORTH STATE STREET FOR THE RUN, WALK, STROLL FOR LIFE 5K AND 1 MILE RUN, ON OCTOBER 15, 2022 FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

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

8. 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.

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No public comments.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Mike McQuiston, Mayor

ATTEST:



Asucena Garcia, TRMC, City Secretary

