

TOWN OF DECATURVILLE
BOARD MEETING
August 12th, 2025

THE TOWN OF DECATURVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2025 AT 6 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM.

MAYOR GRACE STARTED THE MEETING AT 6 PM WITH PUBLIC INPUT. SEVERAL RESIDENTS FROM THE NEW HOPE ROAD AREA WERE PRESENT TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF DECATURVILLE CITY EXTENDING WATER LINES IN THAT AREA. MAYOR GRACE ASKED TO MEET WITH SOME OF THE RESIDENTS TO DO AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND SEE WHAT THE PROJECT WOULD REQUIRE AND HE WOULD BRING THAT INFORMATION BACK TO THE BOARD AT A LATER DATE.

PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE MAYOR GRACE AND THE FOLLOWING ALDERMEN:

PRESENT

MCELRATH
TAYLOR
BLANKENSHIP
PHELPS
WILLIAMS

ABSENT

CAMPER

ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE CHRISTIAN ANGLIN, CITY RECORDER; CITY ATTORNEY, JAMES ROSS; POLICE CHIEF, DAVID COKER; GARRETT HAYS, UTILITY MANAGERS, ROBERT KELLY UTILITY SUPERVISOR; JEREMY INMAN, FIRE CHIEF AND SHERIFF DALE KING WITH THE DECATUR COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE DISPURSED TO ALL ALDERMEN PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO DID NOT HAVE TO BE READ ALLOWED DURING THE MEETING. ALDERMAN WILLIAMS ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT ISSUES WITH THE MINUTES HAVING TOO MUCH FLUFF. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION ON OPINIONS FROM THE ALDERMEN, LAWYER AND MAYOR ON THAT SUGGESTION ALDERMAN PHELPS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. ALDERMAN BLANKENSHIP SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS TO APPROVE JULY MINUTES:

AYE

MCELRATH
TAYLOR
BLANKENSHIP
PHELPS

NAY

WILLIAMS

ABSENT

CAMPER

MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MINUTES APPROVED FOR JULY 2025.

ALDERMAN TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE JULY LEAK ADJUSTMENTS. ALDERMAN MCELRATH SECONDED THIS MOTION AND THE VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE

MCELRATH
TAYLOR
BLANKENSHIP
PHELPS
WILLIAMS

ABSENT

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MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MOTION TO PASS JULY LEAK ADJUSTMENTS.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA WERE REPORTS FROM UTILITY DIRECTOR GARRETT HAYS ON OUR WATER DEPARTMENT AND A REPORT ON OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM CHIEF DAVID COKER.

MAYOR GRACE AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN THEN DISCUSSED THE DECATURVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT GOING METRO. SHERIFF DALE KING FROM THE DECATUR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS PRESENT TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THE MAYOR OR ALDERMEN PRESENTED. ALDERMAN BLANKENSHIP MADE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE DECISION TO GIVE THE BOARD AND MAYOR MORE TIME TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION AS THEY CAN ON THE IDEA AND WEIGH THE PROS AND CONS. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PHELPS. VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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MCELRATH
TAYLOR
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MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MOTION FOR THE CITY OF DECATURVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT GOING METRO TO BE TABLED.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA, WAS TO APPROVE THE ORDINACE FOR THE CITY SELLING OF 0.04 ACRES LOCATED NEXT TO SAVELL DENTISTRY TO SAVELL DENTISTRY. MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN MCELRATH. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WILLIAMS. VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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MCELRATH
TAYLOR
BLANKENSHIP
PHELPS
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MAYOR GRACE DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED FOR THE ORDINACE TO SELL 0.04 ACRES TO SAVELL DENTISTRY.

ADDITIONAL COST BEING ADDED TO THE SEWER PLANT UPDATES BY TLM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,800.00 TO BE PAID BY THE TOWN OF DECATURVILLE WAS NEXT ON THE AGENDA. MOTION MADE TO PAY THE \$16,800.00 BY ALDERMAN TAYLOR AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BLANKENSHIP. VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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MAYOR GRACE DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED TO SPEND THE ADDITIONAL \$16,800.00 ON THE SEWER PLANT UPDATES.

MAYOR GRACE ADDRESSED THE BOARD ABOUT MARTHA CULP ASKING FOR THE CITY TO HELP WITH CHECKING AND MAINTENANCE ON HER SEWER PUMP. ALDERMAN WILLIAMS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE HELPING MRS. CULP AND CITIZENS OF DECATURVILLE WITH SUCH ISSUES WITH THE MAYORS' DISCRETION. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCELRATH. VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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MAYOR GRACE DECLARED THE MOTION PASSED TO HELP MRS. CULP WITH CHECKING HER SEWER PUMP ALONG WITH OTHER CITIZENS OF DECATURVILLE WITH SUCH ISSUES AT THE MAYORS DESCRETION.

IN OLD BUSINESS THE BOARD DISCUSSED NEW VEHICLES FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT. MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WILLIAMS THAT THE BOARD DO WHATEVER THEY NEED TO DO TO PROVIDE SAFE AND RELIABLE EQUIPMENT FOR THE EMPLOYEES. MOTION SECONDED BY BLANKENSHIP. BEFORE VOTING ALDMERMAN TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION TO AMEND ALDERMAN WILLIAMS' MOTION TO ONLY PURCHASE ONE VEHICLE FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME. MOTION SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PHELPS. VOTES AS FOLLOWS:

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MAYOR DECLARED MOTION PASSED THAT WE AMEND MOTION MADE BY ALDERMAN WILLIAMS AND PASSED MOTION MADE BY ALDEMRAN TAYLOR TO PURCHASE ONE TRUCK FOR THE ULTILITY DEPARTMENT, PREFERRABLY A FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE.

NEXT ON OLD BUSINESS IS CLEAN UP ON BUSINESSES AND HOMES IN TOWN OF DECATURVILLE. ALDERMAN DISCUSSED WITH THE LAWYER AND GAVE THEIR PREFERENCES OF WHAT WOULD BE IN THE LETTER PROVIDED BY THE LAWYER FOR THE TOWN OF DECATURVILLE TO MAIL TO CITIZENS OF DECATURVILLE.

UPDATE ON BUSH HOG PURCHASE FROM GARRETT HAYS. AFTER LAST MEETING WHEN APPROVED FOR PURCHASE GARRETT CHECKED AND THEY STATED IT WOULD TAKE 6 WEEKS OR SO TO GET ONE IN STOCK.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF MEETING MAYOR GRACE PRESENTED THE BOARD WITH A RESIGNATION LETTER FROM THE TOWN OF DECATURVILLE CHIEF OF POLICE DAVID COKER. FINAL DAY OF EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY TO BE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025. MAYOR GRACE THANKED CHIEF COKER FOR HIS SERVICE AND ACCEPTED HIS RESIGNATION.

ALDERMAN BLANKENSHIP ASKED ABOUT DUMPING AT THE SEWER PLANT. PER GARRETT HAYS THAT HAS ALL BEEN PUT ON HOLD.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN WILLIAMS. MAYOR GRACE ADJOURNED THE MEETING.


CITY RECORDER, CHRISTIAN ANGLIN


MAYOR, TIM GRACE