TOWN OF DECATURVILLE
BOARD MEETING
April 14th, 2026

THE TOWN OF DECATURVILLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14th AT 6 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM.

MAYOR GRACE STARTED THE MEETING AT 6 PM WITH PUBLIC INPUT. NO PUBLIC INPUT.

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

PRESENT	ABSENT
MCELRATH	CAMPER
TAYLOR	BLANKENSHIP
WILLIAMS	
PHELPS	

ALSO PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE CHRISTIAN ANGLIN, CITY RECORDER; CITY ATTORNEY, JAMES ROSS; GARRETT HAYS, UTILITY MANAGERS, ROBERT KELLY UTILITY SUPERVISOR; JEREMY INMAN, FIRE CHIEF; ANGELA INMAN WITH DECATUR COUNTY PRE-K AND IMAGINATION LIBRARY AND JENNIE KEEL WITH TLM ASSOCIATES.

DURING PUBLIC INPUT ANGELA INMAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR DECATUR COUNTY PRE-K ASKED THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN IF DECATURVILLE WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP FUND THE DECATUR COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY. THE COST FOR DECATURVILLE WOULD BE LOOKING AT ROUGHLY $500 A YEAR. WE ROUGHLY HAVE 29 CHILDREN IN OUR CITY LIMITS WHO ARE USING THE PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM BEGINS WHEN A CHILD IS BORN AND THE CHILD WILL RECEIVE A BOOK A MONTH UNTIL THE CHILD TURNS FIVE. AT THAT POINT THE CHILD ROLLS OFF THE PROGRAM. THE CURRENT AMOUNT TO COVER THE 29 CHILDREN IN THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR WOULD BE $452.40.

MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. BEFORE APPROVING ALDERMAN TAYLOR SAID WE NEEDED TO STRIKE THE PORTION OF THE MINUTES THAT SAID THE AMERICAN LEGION WILL DO THE DOZER WORK WITH INTENT FOR IT TO BENEFIT THE CITY OF DECATURVILLE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED IT TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY FOR US TO DO THE WORK OURSELVES. ALDERMEN WILLIAMS STATED SHE BELIEVED IT TO BE IN THE AGGREEMENT WE MADE WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION THAT THEY WOULD DO IT. PER ALDERMEN TAYLOR THE DOZER WORK WAS NOT IN THE MOTION. TAYLOR STATED IT IS BETTER TO BE ABOVE ROAD LEVEL THAN BELOW IN FUTURE PLANS FOR DECATURVILLE. TAYLOR SAID HE KNEW THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION WOULD BE ON THE LAND WITH EQUIPMENT WHILE DOING THEIR WORK HE JUST DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE BEST FOR THEM TO DO THE DIRT WORK ON THE CITIES LAND. ALDERMEN WILLIAMS ASKED IF WHEN THEY ACTUALLY DO THE WORK CAN WE SPECIFY WHAT WORK WE WANT DONE AND ASKED IF THEY WOULD WORK WITH US WITHOUT US HAVING TO CHANGE THE MINUTES AGAIN? ALDERMAN TAYLOR STATED OR WE COULD ADD IN THE MINUTES THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE DOING ANY DOZER WORK FOR US. MAYOR GRACE STATED THAT IN THE MOTION IT DOESN'T STATE WHERE THEY WILL BE DOING THE DOZER WORK AT AND THAT HE WAS PRETTY SURE THAT THEY WOULD BE DOING THE DOZER WORK ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY AND THAT IT DOES NOT SPECIFY THAT THEY WOULD DO THE DOZER WORK ON THEM OR US THAT IT SAYS THEY WILL DO THE DOZER WORK WITH THE INTENT FOR IT TO BENEFIT THE CITY OF DECATURVILLE AND THAT THAT WAS TALKING ABOUT THEIR LOT. ALDERMEN TAYLOR THEN MENTIONED IT WAS STATED THAT FOR THEIR, IN KIND, DONATION THE AMERICAN LEGION WOULD LEVEL UP THE CITIES LOT AND THAT WE DON'T NEED THEM TO DO THAT. MAYOR GRACE THEN STATED THEY SAID THEY WOULD DO IT AND THAT THEY WOULD IF WE WANTED THEM TO AND THEY WOULD USE THAT DIRT WORK TO LEVEL UP THEIR PROPERTY BUT THAT IT WASN'T MENTIONED IN THE MINUTES. PER ALDERMAN TAYLOR HE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS IN THOSE MINUTES OR THIS MONTHS' MINUTES THAT WE DON'T WANT ANY DOZER WORK DONE ON OUR LOT. MAYOR GRACE SAID NO CORRECTIONS WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO FEBRUARY MINUTES. TAYLOR THEN STATED THAT WOULD BE FINE AS LONG AS WE ADD TO APRIL MINUTES THAT IT NOT INCLUDE OUR LOT. AGAIN, MAYOR GRACE SAID HE DIDN'T SEE ANY NEED FOR A CLARIFICATION FOR THE FEBRUARY MINUTES. ALDERMEN TAYLOR THEN MENTIONED THE .09 OF LAND NOT BEING MENTIONED IN THE FEBUARY MINUTES. MAYOR GRACE SAID IT WAS RECORDED IN THE MARCH MINUTES UNDER OLD BUSINESS. ALDERMEN WILLIAMS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY MINUTES. ALDERMAN MCELRATH SECONDED.

AYE	ABSENT
MCELRATH	BLANKENSHIP
TAYLOR	CAMPER
WILLIAMS	
PHELPS	

MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MINUTES APPROVED FOR FEBRUARY 2026.

ALDERMEN PHELPS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH MEETING. ALDERMEN TAYLOR SECONDED THE MARCH MINUTES.

AYE	ABSENT
MCELRATH	BLANKENSHIP
TAYLOR	CAMPER
WILLIAMS	
PHELPS	

MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MINUTES APPROVED FOR MARCH 2026.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA WAS THE APPROVAL OF THE MARCH LEAK ADJUSTMENTS. BEFORE APPROVAL ALDERMAN WILLIAMS STATED THESE DO NOT GO AGAINST THE ONE TIME ADJUSTMENTS. ALDERMAN WILLIAMS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MARCH LEAK ADJUSTMENTS. ALDERMAN MCELRATH SECONDED THIS MOTION AND THE VOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE	ABSENT
MCELRATH	CAMPER
TAYLOR	BLANKENSHIP
WILLIAMS	
PHELPS	

MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MOTION TO PASS MARCH LEAK ADJUSTMENTS.

UPDATE ON THE WATER DEPARTMENT INCLUDED A SUMMARY ON THE CAT B PROJECT FOR FEMA. PER CITY RECORDER ANGLIN CAT B INCLUDES OVER TIME, EQUIPMENT USE AND BRUSH PICK-UP. PER UTILITY SUPERVISOR GARRETT HAYS BRUSH PICKUP IS COMPLETED FOR THE MOST PART THAT WE STILL HAVE A FEW PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T GET THERES OUT IN TIME, BUT THAT THEY WOULD BE GETTING TO THEM. AND THAT WE HAD TURNED IN ROUGHLY $40,000.00 WORTH OF REEMBURSEMENT FOR CAT B.

OFFICER INMAN THEN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE REPORTED THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDED 39 CALLS IN THE MONTH OF MARCH 2026. ALDERMAN WILLIAMS ASKED THE QUESTION OF HOW IT WAS GOING WITH HIM BEING THE ONLY OFFICER. OFFICER INMAN RESPONDED, PRETTY GOOD AND THAT HE WAS STAYING BUSY. ALDERMEN PHELPS THEN ASKED IF IT WAS MORE THAN HE COULD HANDLE? OFFICER INMAN RESONDED SOMEDAYS IT IS AND SOMEDAYS IT IS NOT.

NEXT FIRE CHIEF INMAN GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. INMAN STATED THE DEPARTMENT HAD STARTED RECEIVING SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE GRANTS AND THAT IT WOULD BE 90 DAYS OUT BEFORE WE WILL BE RECEIVING TURN OUT GEAR.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA WAS THE DISCUSSION ON THE CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION. MAYOR GRACE STATED THAT WHAT HE GATHERS IS THAT THE TOWN OF DECATURVILLE'S CHARTER CALLS FOR US TO HAVE A CHIEF OF POLICE AND THAT THE BOARD HAD APPOINTED OFFICER INMAN AND HE ASKED WHAT THE BOARD THINKS WE NEED TO DO? THAT HE THINKS WE SHOULD POST IT FOR 60 DAYS AND LET EVERYONE PUT IN APPLICATIONS AND GET THE BEST QUALIFIED POLICEMAN THAT WE THINK WOULD MAKE A GOOD CHIEF, BUT THAT THAT WAS STRICTLY UP TO THE BOARD. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION MOTION WAS MADE TO LEAVE OFFICER INMAN AS CHIEF OF POLICE UNTIL NEXT MONTH UNTIL THE BOARD DECIDES FOR CERTAIN WHAT

WOULD BE BEST FOR THE CITY OF DECATURVILLE. ALDERMAN MCELRATH MADE THE MOTION. ALDERMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTES WENT AS FOLLOWS:

AYE	ABSENT
MCELRATH	CAMPER
TAYLOR	BLANKENSHIP
WILLIAMS	
PHELPS	

MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MOTION PASSED TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THE MONTH OF MAY FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION.

NEXT ON THE AGENDA WAS DOGS AT LARGE. IT WAS DISCUSSED THAT ONE CITATION HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID.

APPROVAL OF THE CODE BOOK FOR DECATURVILLE WAS DISCUSSED NEXT AND IT WAS DECIDED TO SEND THE COPY THAT THE PREVIOUS BOARD HAD WENT THROUGH AND VOTED TO HAVE UPDATED TO BE UPDATED AGAIN AND SENT BACK FOR THE CURRENT BOARD TO APPROVE. THE CITY LAWYER, JUDGE ROSS WENT OVER A FEW OF THE CODES IN THE CURRENT CODE BOOK WITH THE BOARD.

AN UPDATE ON THE MULTI MODAL GRANT WAS DISCUSSED NEXT BY JENNIE KEEL, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM TLM. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THAT PHASE ONE IS IN THE DESIGN PHASE. AND THAT DECATURVILLE WAS ONE OF ONLY 5 IN THE STATE THAT GOT THE LAST ROUND OF FUNDING ON PHASE 2. PHASE ONE WILL GO TO THE HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING AND PHASE 2 WILL GO TO THE DOLLAR STORE. IT WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT IF THE PROJECT WENT OVER BUDGET WITH IT BEING FOUR YEARS SINCE IT WAS ORIGINALLY BUDGETED. KEEL INFOMED THE BOARD THAT SHE FELT CONFIDENT THAT THE STATE WOULD COME IN AND HELP IF THE PROJECT WENT OVER BUDGET. SHE ALSO GAVE THE BOARD A QUICK UPDATE ON THE ARP MONEY THAT THE CITY USED ON A CONNECTION PROJECT WITH THE CITY OF PARSONS.

THE DECATUR COUNTY IMAGINATION READING PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED NEXT. THE PROGRAM ASKED THE BOARD DURING PUBLIC INPUT IF THE CITY COULD DONATE $500 A YEAR TO FUND THE IMAGINATION READING PROGRAM IN OUR CITY. THE BOARD DISCUSSED WITH THE LAWYER ABOUT HOW THE CITY COULD GO ABOUT MOVING FORWARD AND BEING ABLE TO MAKE DONATIONS IN THE FUTURE. PER JUDGE ROSS IF THE CITY BUDGETS DONATIONS UP FRONT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO DONATE THAT THE BEST PRACTICE WOULD BE THAT SUBMISSIONS FOR REQUESTS OF DONATIONS FROM THE CITY BE REQUESTED PRIOR TO THE BUDGET BEING APPROVED. MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF $452.40 TO THE DECATUR COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY BY ALDERMAN TAYLOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN WILLIAMS. VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MOTION PASSED TO DONATE $452.40 TO THE DECATUR COUNTY IMAGINATION LIBRARY.

IN OLD BUSINESS WE HAD THE AMERICAN LEGION. MAYOR GRACE DISCUSSED THAT THE AMERICAN LEGION WAS INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE REMAINDER OF THE LAND BEHIND CITY HALL IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,000.00. IN THIS DISCUSSION IT WAS BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE CITY LOOKING INTO THE PURCHASE OF A BUILDING FOR THE CITY FOR THE CITY HALL AND THE CURRENT BUILDING BEING USED AS EXPANSION FOR THE FIRE DEPARMENT. MOTION WAS MADE TO NOT SELL THE SECOND LOT TO THE AMERICAN LEGION BY ALDERMAN TAYLOR. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PHELPS. VOTES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

AYE	NAYS	ABSENT
MCELRATH	WILLIAMS	CAMPER
TAYLOR		BLANKENSHIP
PHELPS		

MAYOR GRACE DECLARED MOTION PASSED TO NOT SELL THE SECOND LOT OF LAND BEHIND CITY HALL TO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

ALSO IN OLD BUSINESS WAS DISCUSSION ON CLEAN UP IN THE CITY OF DECATURVILLE. IT WAS DISCUSSED IN MOVING FORWARD WITH CLEAN UP THAT THE CITY WILL COME UP WITH A DATES TO DO A ONCE A MONTH CLEAN UP.

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

Tim Grace
MAYOR, TIM GRACE

Christian Anglin
CITY RECORDER, CHRISTIAN ANGLIN