

DECATUR COUNTY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 20, 2007

The Decatur County Council opened their November 20th, 2007 meeting with the following present; Ernest Gauck, President, Rheadawn Metz, Rose Hellmich, Geneva Hunt, Larry Meyer and Ken Owens.

Mr. Owens moved to approve the October 16th minutes and seconded by Mrs. Hunt to approve minutes, motion carried.

Mr. Mohr has requests for Highway budget transfers and Cum Bridge additional. Council will review requests and call him if they have questions.

Michelle Sweet has received unanimous support from the City Council for 2008 budget request. The Animal Control Board will come back in 2008 for the salary they feel is needed to pay employees to run the shelter. Mr. Owens recommended leaving salaries as is for 2008. After discussion of the Council Members, Mr. Gauck asked the animal control board to come back in January for additional.

Tom Kremer discussed bringing tax revenue to the St. Paul area of approximately \$150,000 a year with a development of a truck stop, motel and restaurant. Mr. Kremer would like monies to go back to St. Paul Water & Sewer in some form of tax abatement and not a TIF area after discussions with Mark Schabel.

Jerimi Ullom of Barnes & Thornburg and Pete Miller of Kasson & Associates spoke of the desire to obtain tax exempt bonds for the Hulsbosch Dairy and are being sought through the county. Mr. Miller introduced the project and persons involved with the project. Mr. Miller also explained how the bond will work and that the Hulsbosch Dairy and Mainsource Bank will be solely responsible for the repayment of the bonds. Mr. Gauck discussed charging a document fee for this project and Mr. Ullom discussed the negative aspects to this charge. Mr. Miller explained the economic development benefit to have this facility in Decatur County. Mr. Meyer moved to approve Ordinance 2007-23 to issue bonds for the Hulsbosch Dairy and Mrs. Metz seconded, motion carries 6-0.

Mr. Owens moved to appropriate monies for the Recorder's new software and Mrs. Hunt seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Meyer moved to appropriate reassessment funds for scanning property record cards and Mrs. Hellmich seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Owens moved to appropriate funds for the Area Plan Attorney and Mrs. Metz seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Hunt talked to Frank Cummings about paying overtime to the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Gauck is discussing previous minutes with the council's attorney to see if the overtime can be paid for 12 years in the past.

Mrs. Hellmich moved to approve appropriations for Cum Bridge and Mr. Meyer seconded, motion carried. Mr. Meyer moved to approve transfers and Mr. Owens seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Owens moved to appoint Norman Campbell to Park Board and Mrs. Metz seconded, motion carried.

Mrs. Hellmich moved to adjourn and Mrs. Hunt seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Ernest J. Gauck, President

Attest: _____

Date: _____