

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 7, 2022

On Monday, November 7, 2022, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber and Ed Culp. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Linda Little presented a Proclamation proclaiming Decatur as a “Dementia Friendly Community”.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Reed Sutman, Abeer Motan and Shemuel Sanders.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the October 17, 2022, Regular City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2022-42 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 Alcoholic Liquor Section 34 Consumption or Possession of Alcohol in an Open Container in Public Places, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-187 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for Partial Demolition & Deconstruction of a Vacant Building at 333 E. Macon St., was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-188 Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 3 for Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Northwater Consulting for Lake Decatur Watershed Management Plan, City Project 2019-38, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Jeff Boeckler, Northwater Consulting, answered questions from Council members regarding the agreement.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-189 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Protection Program Agreement with Macon County Conservation District, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Jeff Boeckler, Northwater Consulting, gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-190 Resolution Authorizing Sponsored Research Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois for Hydrologic, Sediment and Nutrient Monitoring Upper Sangamon River Watershed, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-191 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and/or Economic & Community Development Director to Amend Agreement with Shemilah Outreach Center for the Clean-Up Green-Up Initiative, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through G. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. No Council member requested to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through G.:

Item A. R2022-192 Resolution Approving Reappointment - Public Building Commission

Item B. R2022-193 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

Item C. R2022-194 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of Vacant Building at 865 W. Wood

Item D. R2022-195 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of Vacant Building at 1378 N. Monroe

Item E. R2022-196 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of Vacant Building at 1531 N. Clinton

Item F. R2022-197 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Clancy Coleman Excavating for the Demolition of Vacant Building at 1542 N. Church

Item G. R2022-198 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of Vacant Building at 1517 N. Church

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through G. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Mayor Moore Wolfe presented a gift to the City Council from the Japan Sister Cities delegation that visited Decatur the previous week. Councilman Culp thanked Mass Transit for providing trollies for the trick or treat event at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session at 6:05 p.m. for a review of the recommended 2023 budget. Councilwoman Gregory moved to Recess to Study Session, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council members took a short break and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Fund Revenue and Expenditure Summary and moved to the budget of the Community and Economic Development Department.

Mr. Cordaryl “Pat” Patrick answered questions from Council members regarding the Community and Economic Development Department budget.

City Manager Wrighton moved on to the budgets of Risk Management, Executive, Legislative, Human Resources, IT, Legal, Finance, Civic Center, Police and Fire.

Mr. Shane Brandel, Chief of Police, answered questions from Council members regarding the police budget.

Mr. Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief, answered questions from Council members regarding the fire budget.

With the conclusion of the Study Session, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Approved November 21, 2022
Kim Althoff
City Clerk