

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 5, 2018

On Monday, November 5, 2018, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, and Pat McDaniel were present. Councilwoman Dana Ray was absent. Six members present and one member absent. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This being the time set aside for Appearance of Citizens and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the October 15, 2018 Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus provided an update on the City's budget and responded to Council members' comments and questions.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Proclamations and Recognitions.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and Neighborhood Services Manager Richelle Irons recognized Decatur resident, Charles Loury, who received the 2018 Stella Stewart "Doing Good in the Neighborhood Award" last month at the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Loury was recognized for his outstanding work with the Veterans of Macon County, the Macon County Honor Guard and as Commander of American Legion 1972.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

R2018-137 Resolution Authorizing a Services Agreement with Call One for SIP Telecommunications Services, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus stated that the agreement, if approved, would save the city more than \$20,000 annually and the agreement with Call One was made possible because of the city's new fiber network.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2018-138 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Homer Tree Care, Inc. for Removal of Trees on City Property, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilman Bill Faber commented that there have been around 600 Ash trees removed in the city due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018- 60 Ordinance Authorizing the City of Decatur of Macon County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, McKinley Sewer Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2017-22, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus commented that the City would not have to raise user fees with the approval of the loan.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-61 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of North Gulick Avenue and West Center Street Facing West Center Street, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-62 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 41, Miscellaneous Street Regulations, Section 5. Buildings; Signs & Section 12. Permits for Use of Sidewalks and Public Places, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilman Bill Faber commented that he had not received any feedback from downtown business owners; therefore, he would be voting against the Ordinance. Councilman David Horn had concerns that the signs could be misused in ways that could result in political statements and socially divisive statements and once signs are permitted on public sidewalks, it could be very difficult for the City to reverse its decision.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber and Councilman David Horn voted nay. Four ayes, two nays. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-63 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 44 Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials Control, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Fire Chief Jeff Abbott commented that key lock boxes are secured in every fire truck which allows access to businesses and residents who participate in the key box program.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-64 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 67 Building Code, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-65 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 67.2 Residential Building Code, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 67.2 Residential Building Code, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-66 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 68 Mechanical Code, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-67 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 69 Electrical Code, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-68 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 70 Property Maintenance Code, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A and B and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council did not request any item be removed. The Clerk read Items A and B:

- A. Resolution Approving Reappointments – Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (Civic Center Board Authority)
- B. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A and B be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for other business and commented on the lighting in Central Park and encouraged residents to eat and shop downtown.

Councilman Chuck Kuhle asked if the City had the ability to text to 911. Police Chief Jim Getz responded that the city currently does not but is currently working towards it.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus reported that there are currently a lot of projects going on in Decatur: The Library Annex is currently being demolished, the Community Care Campus is underway, fiber is being installed, demolition work is taking place at the new location for Fire Station #5 and the Love's project is currently underway.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory would like to see a year-end report of accomplishments for 2018 and would like to see either a ribbon cutting or dedication for Fire Station #5.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory gave an update on the the working group that involves the City of Decatur, Decatur Park District and Decatur Public Schools District #61. The group met the previous week and drafted a strategic plan that consists of four goals: Intergovernmental communication, understanding and collaboration, joint purchasing, and land use management and equalized assessed valuation, stabilization and improvement.

Councilman David Horn would like to see an update on the accomplishments of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative by the end of the year and reminded Council that the three major initiatives are as follows: demolitions, purchase of Macon County Trustee properties, and residency and property improvement incentives. Councilman David Horn would like to see a study session on Administrative Court.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe reported that Council will be meeting on November 27th for a discussion on the position of City Manager.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

Approved November 19, 2018
Kim Althoff
City Clerk