

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 2, 2020

On Monday, November 2, 2020, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, and Pat McDaniel. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Max Axelrod, Mirinda Rothrock, Debbie Hill, Alexa Tucker, Craig Wilson, John Phillips, Jr, and Adam Ruderman.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the City Council Study Session on October 12, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the City Council meeting on October 19, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no Unfinished Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

R2020-157 Resolution Estimating Amounts Necessary to be Raised by the 2020 Tax Levy, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Council held a discussion on three approaches to developing the annual property tax levy.

Mr. Gregg Zientara, Director of Finance, answered questions from Council regarding Police and Fire pension fund requirements.

Mr. John Phillips, Jr. expressed his opinion regarding tax increases.

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

R2020-158 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Additional Body Cameras for Decatur Police Department Detectives, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Police Chief Jim Getz answered questions from Council concerning storage capacity for additional cameras and explained ways that DUI funds are used.

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

R2020-159 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Agreement of Justice of Administration Grant for 2020 Anti-Gun and Violent Crime Project- Bureau of Justice Assistance, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Police Chief Jim Getz gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council regarding a gun turn-in program.

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

R2020-160 Resolution Authorizing Accepting the 2020-2021 Step Grant Awarded to the Decatur Police Department by the Illinois Department of Transportation, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2020-161 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of a Three-Year ESRI Small Municipal and County Government Enterprise License Agreement and ESRI Enterprise Advantage Program from ESRI, Inc., was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Seth Stark, GIS System Administrator answered questions from Council regarding the connection between GIS and projects associated with CDBG funds.

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

R2020-162 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Purchase OpenGov Permitting, Licensing and Code Enforcement Software and Related Deployment Services, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Greg Crowe, Planning and Development Manager answered questions from Council concerning costs associated with the software.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel 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 announced that Region 6, including Macon County has entered Tier One mitigation measures that include a ban on indoor dining and that it would be hard to enforce the state's restrictions due to the lack of manpower.

Councilman Faber exited the Civic Center Theatre at 7:02 p.m. and returned at 7:05 p.m.

A discussion was held by Council expressing their views on Tier One mitigation measures.

With no other discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called to Recess to Closed Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. under Open Meetings Act Section (2)(c)(1) for the purpose of a discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Councilman McDaniel moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and upon call of the roll, Council members Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. Councilman McDaniel moved the regular meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved November 16, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk