

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2020

On Monday, October 19, 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 through electronic attendance along with Council members Lisa Gregory and Chuck Kuhle pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Moore Wolfe that an in-person meeting of all members of the City Council is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Council members Pat McDaniel and Bill Faber were present. Councilman Rodney Walker was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton participated through electronic attendance.

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: Karl Coleman and Cameron Williams.

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

The minutes of the City Council meeting on October 5, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Ms. Ellen Hearn, Chair of the America in Bloom contest gave a presentation outlining the honors received by the City of Decatur. Ms. Hearn was recognized by Council for her efforts in the contest.

City Manager Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report and answered questions from Council.

R2020-149 Resolution authorizing Agreement with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois for Administration of the City Group Health Benefit Plan for Calendar Year 2021, 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 Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-147 Ordinance Rezoning Property from M-1 Intense Commercial - Light Industrial District to R-6 Multiple Dwelling District - Northwest Corner of Carrie Lane and North Charles Street, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Tim Macken, Executive Director of the Macon County Mental Health Board and Mr. Ray Batman, Consultant for the Macon County Mental Health Board participated through Zoom and answered questions from Council regarding prevailing wage and using local building labor for the project.

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

R2020-150 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between Woodford Homes, Inc. and the City of Decatur, 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 Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-151 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Homer Tree Care, Inc. for the Removal of Trees on Streets and Boulevards, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the next two Resolutions as they both relate to tree removal.

Public Works Director Matt Newell answered questions from Council regarding strategies on maintaining the areas after tree removal and the plan for the replacement of trees.

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

R2020-152 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Sky's the Limit Tree Service for Removal of Trees and Brush Along Route 51 and Lincoln Park Drive Embankments (Areas 4 and 5), was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

R2020-153 Resolution Authorizing Cash Rent Farm Lease with Lynn Clarkson, DBA Clarkson Farm for Organic Agricultural Purposes, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council regarding the best future uses of the site.

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

R2020-154 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and Associated Sales Order with Decatur Macon County Opportunities Corporation to obtain Internet Access through the City of Decatur Fiber Network, 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 Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-148 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52-Alcoholic Liquor, Section 10-Number of Licenses, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Councilman McDaniel, serving as the Local Liquor Commissioner, answered questions from Council regarding the reasoning for the reduction of Class A Liquor Licenses.

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

2020-149 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights of Way, 100 Block East Prairie Street and Merchant Street, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Jerry Johnson, Executive Director of the Decatur Arts Council answered questions from Council regarding safety measures being implemented at the Decatur Christmas Walk in light of COVID-19.

Ms. Sandra Lindberg addressed Council over concerns about holding the Decatur Christmas Walk during the Coronavirus pandemic.

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

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A. through G. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. No Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through G.

Item A. R2020-155 Resolution Approving Reappointments - Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium & Office Building Authority DBA: Civic Center Board Authority
Item B. 2020-150 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3730 West Catherine Street
Item C. 2020-151 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3222 Desert Inn Road
Item D. 2020-152 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3949 West Division Street
Item E. 2020-153 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3445 Greenview Drive
Item F. 2020-154 Ordinance Establishing Handicapped Parking Space along West Forest Avenue in Front of 629 West Forest Avenue
Item G. R2020-156 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

Councilman McDaniel moved Items A. through G. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, and upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle 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 reported that she tested positive for Coronavirus and thanked everyone for their kind words.

Deputy City Manager Jon Kindseth reported that the last citywide clean-up of the year will be held on October 24th from 8:00am - noon in the Civic Center parking lot.

Councilman Horn inquired about the number of warnings and citations issued for COVID-19 violations.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved November 2, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk