

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 2015

On Monday, October 5, 2015, 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 Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Pat McDaniel. Chris Funk was absent from the meeting. Six members were present and one member was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason, attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of September 21, 2015 City Council meeting and September 14, 2015 Special City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced Lisa Taylor, Superintendent of District 61 Decatur Public Schools. Superintendent Taylor shared information and a video about District 61. The school district is looking for more partnerships with the City. One partnership in particular District 61 is looking for is hosting student internships and working on real problems. Council members thanked Superintendent Taylor for providing transformational leadership.

This being the time set aside for Proclamations and Recognitions Mayor Moore Wolfe introduced Amy McEvoy to read a Proclamation for Friends of Libraries Week, October 18 – 24, 2015

2015-52 Ordinance Rezoning Property B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District to B-2 Commercial District 2525, 2535, 2545 and 2553 North Main Street.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray. Councilman Ray inquired about the use, was it for video gaming. Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus explained that staff was making the rezoning request to Council because it was compatible with the surrounding area. The petitioner had stated in the petition that their intent is to do video gaming, however, the staff's decision is not based on that. On call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2015-53 Ordinance Rezoning Property R-3 Single Family Residence District to B-2 Commercial District 626 and 642 East Van Buren Avenue

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray. On call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2015-114 Resolution Receiving and Filing Proposed Redevelopment Agreement Evergreen Hospitality LLC

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Lisa Gregory. On call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2015-54 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 – Alcoholic Liquor

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray. Councilman Faber requested a clarification as to what type of establishment this ordinance amendment applies. Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus explained the amendment applies to establishments selling alcohol in the downtown area. The amendment does not allow businesses located in the B-4 Central Business District to sell alcohol within 100 feet of any church or school. On call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Five ayes and one nay; Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through B and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A - B:

A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards

B. R2015-115 Resolution Regarding Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved that Consent Calendar Items A - B be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, the following appeared:

Mike Dawson expressed his concerns that if any store is put at Ash and Rt. 51 the City is creating a quagmire at the intersection. Mr. Dawson shared photographs that he had taken of the area.

Russell Shulke commended the Mayor and Council for addressing the U.S.E.P.A. Consent Order in an expedition manner.

Pat Donnelly gave copies of his presentation to Council. Mr. Donnelly asked City Staff and Council to be prudent in their decision making when considering allowing projects to go through such as Ash Avenue and Rt. 51. Mr. Donnelly asked that Council's decision be made on a factual basis.

Mike Griffin expressed his concerns about Council's lack of democracy.

Marilyn Dawson presented a handout to Council that included information presented at the September 3, 2015 City Planning Commission meeting and her own observations regarding the intersection at U.S. 51 and Ash Avenue. Ms. Dawson asked Council to vote no to the rezoning of U.S. 51 and Ash Avenue.

Julie Bresnan read a letter from Macky Spurlock, a resident on Ash Avenue, concerning the traffic at U.S. 51 and Ash Avenue. Mrs. Spurlock asked Council to consider the impact on traffic flow at an already busy intersection.

Julie Bresnan requested that Council come out and observe the traffic at U.S. 51 and Ash Avenue before making their decision in two weeks.

This being the time for other business Councilman Dana Ray proposed an Ordinance that will specify where video gaming can be located and restrict the number of video gaming establishments.

Councilman Bill Faber proposed to raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour in Decatur and requested a Study Session in the near future on the matter.

Councilman Pat McDaniel wants citizens to follow the City Code when placing signs on property. Councilman McDaniel requested citizens help to clean out the storm drains when the catch basins are filled with leaves.

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced a Neighborhood Walk at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at GM Square.

Mayor called for Recess to Study Session.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to study session for the December 31, 2014 Audit Presentation and the Reliable Water System Program Second Year Report; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray. On call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried. City Manager Tim Gleason introduced Hope Wheeler, Principal, with CliftonLarsonAllen. Ms. Wheeler provided a presentation and the highlights of the 2014 Audit.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced Keith Alexander, Water Management Director, who gave an overview of the Reliable Water System Program Second Year Report.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved to recess to closed executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried. Council went into closed executive session at 7:16 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll Councilmen Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved October 19, 2015

Debra G. Bright

City Clerk