

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, October 3, 2016

On Monday, October 3, 2016, 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.

Councilman Jerry Dawson presided, together with him being Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, and Bill Faber. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe was absent. Six members present and one member absent. Councilman Jerry Dawson declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Councilman Jerry Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Russell Shulke read a statement regarding the Lake Decatur dredging project cost.

Ron Ballard voiced his concerns about work not being done by the Public Works Department in certain neighborhoods. There are several elderly people living in the 1100 block of East Walnut Street and it is very dark in the back yards along the alley way especially behind 1176 East Walnut Street. For public safety there needs to be a light installed there. Mr. Ballard also spoke about a building that had burned down two years ago in the City. There are trees going inside the fenced area now and animals have made homes inside the fenced area. Mr. Ballard asked when the City might have the funds to get that area cleaned up.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe joined the Council meeting at 5:38 p.m.

The minutes of the September 19, 2016 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Dana Ray abstained. Six ayes and one abstention. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Proclamations and Recognitions: Jerry Johnson read a Proclamation on behalf of the Lincoln Square Theatre in celebration of its 100th birthday of its grand opening on

October 19, 1916, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe proclaimed October 21, 2016, as Lincoln Square Theatre Day.

R2016-112 Resolution Amending MV Transportation, Inc. Contract with the City of Decatur, Illinois, Mass Transit System for Scheduling Software License and Installation, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Mass Transit Director John Williams gave an overview of the Mass Transit Software plan. The software update will provide better reports and better internal controls. Mr. Williams answered Council's questions regarding cost savings and scheduling. Councilman Funk requested to see an analysis of scheduling and costs.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-67 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 3718 East Mound Road, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus explained the City had requests from Aramark Company to annex and rezone property located on East Mound Road. Aramark is looking to expand their operations and build a new a facility.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-68 Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-1 Single Family Residence District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District 3718 East Mound Road, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-113 Resolution Authorizing a Permanent Easement to the Sanitary District of Decatur for the Spring Creek Pipe Bridge Replacement, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-114 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Jackson Ford, Inc. Decatur, IL, for the Purchase of One (1) 2017 Ford F-250 Pick-up with Snow Plow, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-115 Resolution to Accept Bid and Authorize the Execution of a Contract with Culy Contracting, Inc. for 2016 Manhole Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2016-32, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-116 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to Perform Bridge Inspections and Prepare Preliminary Bridge Condition Reports, City Project 2016-06, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-117 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds to Pay Engineering Costs for NBIS Bridge Inspections and Preliminary Bridge Condition Reports by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Pat McDaniel suggested sharing the staff report, prepared a couple of years ago, regarding the bridges the City is responsible for with the new Council members.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-118 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract with Altorfer, Inc. for the South Water Treatment Plant Generator Switchgear Control System Replacement, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber 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 through F and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A and F:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2016-119 Resolution Approving Reappointment – Human Relations Commissions
- C. R2016-120 Resolution Approving Appointment – Civil Service Commission
- D. R2016-121 Resolution Regarding Halloween Trick or Treat Hours
- E. 2016-69 Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance Section II. Definitions
- F. R2016-122 Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of FY 20170 Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation

Councilman Jerry Dawson motioned to approve the items as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe invited everyone on Friday, October 14, 2016, to the McDonald's located at Pershing and Water from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for coffee with the Council.

Councilman Pat McDaniel said that two different west end residents told him they've seen parents of Dennis School students parking on the south side of West Main Street in front of Dennis School which is a No Parking Zone and it is causing traffic to back up. Also, the new exit at Dennis School has become a new entrance area during school hours. City Manager Tim Gleason said he would reach out to Dennis School and Police Chief Getz and make them aware of the concerns he shared.

Councilman Bill Faber asked how he or Councilman Pat McDaniel would bring the matter of changing the Plan Commission meeting time before Council for consideration. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated that Councilman Pat McDaniel suggested putting together a list of pros and cons because there wasn't enough Council support for a full Study Session. Councilman Bill Faber wants the public to be aware Council is looking into the issue.

Councilman Chris Funk asked if there was going to be a follow-up discussion about the Downtown Parking situation. City Manager Tim Gleason said there would be and also there will be additional information related to Central Park.

Councilwoman Dana Ray asked about Mr. Ballard's concerns if the Council could address the building that caught on fire and why we haven't done anything yet because some of that is outside of our reach and his concerns about the light. City Manager Tim Gleason stated that he hoped in FY17 to have money available to do demolitions. He will check with Public Works to see what the remedy is for the light.

Councilman Jerry Dawson stated he received a complaint from a citizen that the intersection at Greenswitch and Mound is very dark. He asked City Manager Tim Gleason to add it to his list to see if a street light would be helpful at that intersection.

Councilman Pat McDaniel said the Regional Neighborhood Conference was this past weekend and he understood another Decatur resident won an award. Director of Neighborhood Services Richelle Irons said the Stella Stewart "Doing Good in the Neighborhood" Award went to Francie Johnson who is a Decatur resident volunteer.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for the United States Environmental Protection Agency Consent Order Update.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Public Works Director Rick Marley gave a Power Point presentation on the United States Environmental Protection Agency Consent Order (US EPA) Consent

Order update. Mr. Marley's presentation covered the US EPA Background, Capacity, Manager, Operations & Maintenance (CMOM), Sewer Collection System Alternatives Analysis (SCSAA), and budget impact. Councilman Pat McDaniel suggested items like this need to be put in the City's newsletter to get the word out to the community. Council discussed the funding and staffing needs for the sewer projects.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussion Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular Council meeting following Closed Executive Session.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson and all were in favor by voicing no objections. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved October 17, 2016
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk