

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 21, 2015

On Monday, September 21, 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 Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Lisa Gregory. Six members were present. 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.

Item Number 5 – Presentation by Lisa Taylor, Superintendent of District 61 Decatur Public Schools and Item Number VI. Recess to Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Collective Bargaining Matters was pulled from the Agenda.

The minutes of the City Council meeting of September 8, 2015 were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory 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 proceeded to New Business.

This being the time set aside for Proclamations and Recognitions and there being none Mayor Moore Wolfe proceeded to call the first Resolution.

R2015-107 Resolution of Appointment Councilman Christopher S. Funk.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Lisa Gregory. Sherry Procaroine asked the Council to consider her for the vacant council seat. Councilman Bill Faber read a statement he had prepared regarding the lack of transparency and citizens participation in the process to select a new council member. Councilman Dana Ray explained that she would be voting in opposition to Mr. Funk's appointment because she felt there was another candidate who was better suited to fill the position. On call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Jerry Dawson, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye; Councilmen Dana Ray and Bill Faber voted nay. Four ayes and two nays; Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Christopher S. Funk was sworn in to the office of City Councilman.

Presentation by Sue Lawson – Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations. A Street Festival is scheduled for September 26, 2015, starting at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Ms. Lawson thanked Decatur Memorial Hospital for donating the money for this month's contests. The Inside Out Project is still taking applications for low to moderate income people who may be interested in having some renovation work done in their home. Please contact Sue Lawson if anyone would be interested in renovations. The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference is October 1, 2, and 3, 2015. Ms. Lawson thanked Councilman Pat McDaniel who is going to the conference to represent the City Council. CONO Awards Banquet is September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Church Angel Hall.

Presentation – Mayor Martina Oertzen of Seevetal, Germany. Mayor Martina Oertzen introduced her delegates traveling with her and expressed how grateful she was for the itinerary planned while they were here. Mayor Oertzen thanked Linda Hasenmyer for taking care of them while they were here. Delegate Dagmar Bomke thanked the host families and representatives of Decatur for the nice visit they have had. Mayor Moore Wolfe gave Mayor Oertzen and delegates each a Stephen Decatur Medallion.

2015-49 Amended Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Groundwater

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

R2015-108 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Kinney Contractors, Inc. for 2015 Storm Drainage Improvement Project, City Project 2015-30

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

2015-50 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 4491 East Reas Bridge Road

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

R2015-109 Resolution Authorizing Administrative Consent Order between the City of Decatur and United States Environmental Protection Agency

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

R2015-110 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to Assist the City with Administrative Consent Order from United States Environmental Protection Agency

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

R2015-111 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Busey Bank to Lease Purchase Ten (10) 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Mid-Size Utility Vehicles and Accessory Equipment Packages

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

R2015-112 Resolution Accepting Bid and Authorizing Contract with Lancer Insurance Company and Admiral Insurance Company for Transit Liability Insurance

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

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

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards
- B. 2015-51 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue Lock Stock & Barrel Bike Night
- C. R2015-113 Resolution Accepting the Bid of King-Lar Company for South Water Treatment Plant Improvements

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

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

Steven Lucker asked why the City is not fully funding Emergency Grant 952 and the Community Block Grant 983 that provide emergency repairs to homes. Mr. Lucker said he was aware that the Library had proposed the library hours be extended one hour on the week days and he said he thought it would be better if the Library was open on Sundays from 1 – 5. Mr. Lucker also asked why the City never had recycling for the apartment complexes.

Russell Shulke commended the City Manager for involving the City Council in the U.S.E.P.A. Consent Order.

Julie Bresnan lives in the proposed Aldi's location at Ash Avenue and Rt. 51. Ms. Bresnan wanted to clarify that the fight is not against Aldi's. This is a fight to save the neighborhood. She does not want to see the neighborhood destroyed.

Sherry Procaroine expressed that she witnessed a loss of liberty for the unwarranted police cameras tonight.

Jim Taylor thanked those for cleaning off the shoreline around the lake. Mr. Taylor expressed his disappointment that only one Council member had contacted him about the City employee residency requirement resolution.

Marilyn Dawson is very concerned about the proposed rezoning at U.S.51 and Ash Avenue. Ms. Dawson explained that the Aldi's spokesman said they anticipate 900 cars more daily, but the plan only allows for 86 parking spaces to accommodate this huge crowd. The 900 more cars is a huge disaster waiting to happen to the 1,100 households in that neighborhood. Ms. Dawson had concerns about the dumpsters outside of Aldi's because they will bring unwanted scavengers. She asked Council to not vote in favor of the proposed rezoning.

Al Elsass pleaded with the Council to not vote in favor of the proposed rezoning. Mr. Elsass said it will destroy the value of their homes and their neighborhood.

Jim Forbes asked Council to say no to the rezoning. Please keep the neighborhood residential.

Carmen Redell asked Council to vote against the rezoning. Ms. Redell has concerns about the flooding from the proposed Aldi's site. She already has flooding issues. Ms. Redell is also concerned about their property values going down if Aldi's is approved.

Shawn Overocker has concerns about the children walking back and forth to Lourdes School on Buckingham and Oak with the increased traffic from the proposed Aldi's.

This being the time for other business, and there being none Mayor called for Recess to Study Session for the Treasurer's Financial report.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to study session for the Treasurer's Financial Report; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. On call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried. Gregg Zientara City Treasurer & Director of Finance gave an overview of the Treasurer's Financial Report.

There being no further business, Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved October 5, 2015  
Debra G. Bright  
City Clerk