

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 18, 2017

On Monday, September 18, 2017, 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 David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber and Lisa Gregory. Seven members present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

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

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

John Phillips spoke about the community events that happen on the streets during the year and how he has seen a trend to trash the neighborhood around the area where it is happening. He believes the trash is getting worse and it could escalate to where there is property damage created. He asked if the City could ask the sponsors of the events to have a plan in place on how they are going to handle trash pickup.

The minutes of the September 5, 2017, City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. 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.

R2017-113 Resolution Authorizing a Support Services Agreement with B&W Control Systems Integration LLC for South Water Treatment Plan – SCADA System, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-114 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Soules Bird Repellent Company for Downtown Bird Control, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman David Horn confirmed that there wasn't a representative from Soules present at the Council meeting. He stated he was uncomfortable talking about the agreement without a representative from Soules present. In particular, the company claims that there is not going to be any violation of any environmental law but in fact that cannot be confirmed with a company representative. Councilman David Horn made a motion to table the item until a representative is present; seconded by Councilman Bill Faber.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn and Bill Faber voted aye. Councilmen Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted nay. Five nays and two ayes. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked City Manager Tim Gleason if he was aware of any concerns or complaints raised by citizens or environmental groups. City Manager Tim Gleason stated he was not aware of any. He stated it was a long standing agreement that the City has had and it was prompted by downtown business owners experiencing the waste from the large number of birds. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated that the City needs to press upon anybody that has a bid to be voted on that they need to come to the Council meeting to answer any questions. Councilman David Horn asked if there was a documented need for the additional coverage in the agreement. Public Works Director Rick Marley stated that there had been a request for coverage from the Decatur Public Transit and the Decatur Public Library. Councilman David Horn asked in the years prior to 2002 had there been approximately \$25,000 in damage that the birds have caused each year. Public Works Director Rick Marley stated he couldn't go back that far, he has been with the City ten years. He stated that on numerous occasions there have been businesses downtown who specifically requested bird removal because of significant accumulation of bird droppings. Councilman Charles Kuhle confirmed that if there was an environmental problem then that would void the contract. Public Works Director Rick Marley stated yes, if Mr. Soules were to violate any state or federal regulations it would void the contract.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn voted nay. Councilmen Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Six ayes and one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-115 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Agreement with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois for Administration of the City Group Health Benefit Plan for Calendar 2018, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Treasurer Gregg Zientara gave an overview of the City's administrative costs with BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-116 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Insurance Coverage for General Liability, Automobile Liability and Excess Liability for Decatur, Illinois Public Transit System for the Policy Period September 22, 2017 to July 1, 2018, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Treasurer Gregg Zientara gave an overview of the policies coverage. Councilman Bill Faber stated that this Resolution had come before Council with a short lead time. He would prefer that something like this would have a reasonable amount of time for further study by Council if needed.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-117 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Insurance Coverage for Property, Liability and Workers Compensation for the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Policy Period October 1, 2017 to October 1, 2018, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Treasurer Gregg Zientara provided a brief overview of the policies coverage. Councilman David Horn asked why the broker did not select the lowest quote. City Treasurer Gregg Zientara stated one of them was equipment break down and the other is the crime policy. The premiums are very low for these coverages. Mr. Zientara stated there was a hidden cost when the City makes changes to onboard the new insured. Councilman David Horn asked if it was fair to say that sometimes the City accepting the lowest bid is not always the best approach because in this case there are indirect costs associated with the actual lowest bid. Mr. Zientara stated that could be a fair statement in this particular case.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-118 Resolution Authorizing Mayor and City Manager to Execute a Professional Service Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP for Auditing Services and Non-Audit Advisory Services, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman Bill Faber asked if it not possible to engage the services of a local accounting firm to do this same work. Finance Director Gregg Zientara stated that the City is a large organization and the audit firm the City hires is one of the largest ten in the United States. They have a continued practice of servicing governmental entities such as Decatur in audits.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory 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 and D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Council did not request to have any items removed. City Clerk read Items A and D:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2017-119 Resolution Approving Reappointment – Civil Service Commission
- C. R2017-120 Resolution Approving Reappointment – Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (Civic Center Board Authority)
- D. R2017-121 Resolution Approving Reappointments – Human Relations Commission

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A and D be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Councilman Tim Gleason introduced the new Economic Community Development Director Raymond Lai to Council and welcomed him.

Councilman Pat McDaniel asked John Phillips if he was talking about when they close off W. Wood and W. Main for events. Mr. Phillips stated people are free to carry bottles of beer from that area. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated people could not leave that area with open liquor, so they will look at that. Mr. Phillips stated that not all the beer bottles he has dealt with are sold within that area.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory confirmed that the Council discussion on Neighborhood Revitalization would occur on September 25, 2017. City Manager Tim Gleason stated there would be a special Council meeting in the Council Chambers on September 25, 2017, at 5:30 p.m., and there would be a Study Session on Neighborhood Redevelopment and Revitalization.

Councilman Bill Faber stated he finds the litter along West Main Street from Monroe Street to Oakland Avenue to be unacceptable and it is usually on Mondays. The keeping of that small area would be possible if there would be some public monitoring of that area.

With no other business, Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle, and on call of roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved October 2, 2017  
Debra G. Bright  
City Clerk