CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 3, 2019

On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and David Horn. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

Ms. Marcia Phillips announced that Decatur's Illinois Thundercats won the Midwest National Championship football game held in Iowa on August 31st, 2019. The Thundercats are headquartered at the Old Kings Orchard Community Center. Head Coach Tracy Stepney thanked the City Council for presenting the team with Stephen Decatur medallions at an earlier council meeting.

Ms. Carol Houston addressed safety issues with the Decatur Public Library parking lot.

Mr. John Phillips, Jr. announced that he is in support of allowing marijuana dispensaries in Decatur.

Mr. Mark Girdler discussed issues that he has encountered with the Decatur Public Library.

Mr. Dennis Minks voiced that he is not in support of his property being annexed into the city.

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

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

R2019-121 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SAK Construction, LLC for the McKinley Sewer Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2017-22, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2019-122 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services Inc, to Perform Bridge Repair Design Services for the West Mound Road Bridge over Stevens Creek, SN 058-3062 City Project 2019-33, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

Councilman Bill Faber exited the Council Chamber at 6:00pm.

R2019-123 Resolution to Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the West Mound Road Bridge Over Stevens Creek, SN 058-3062 City Project 2019-33, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Public Works Director Matt Newell explained that city staff conducts routine bridge inspections every couple of years and the last bridge inspection uncovered some issues with a few of the bridges.

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

R2019-124 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to Perform Bridge Inspection Services for the Grove Road Bridge Over Sand Creek Arm of Lake Decatur SN 058-6010 City Project 2019-34, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2019-125 Resolution to Approve Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Grove Road Bridge over Sand Creek Arm of Lake

Decatur, SN 058-6010 City Project 2019-34, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

Councilman Faber returned to the Council Chamber at 6:04pm.

2019-116 Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits-1960 South Taylorville Road, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Mr. Kevin Zeurcher asked if there are any plans to extend the city sewer to his property once the annexation is approved.

City Manager Wrighton explained that planning does not begin until a property is annexed but some services are provided right away such as snow removal and coverage by fire and police.

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

2019-117 Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits-1431 West Rock Springs Road, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

2019-118 Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits-895 West Grove Road, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

2019-119 Ordinance Adopting City Code Chapter 18.1-Budget, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilman Walker exited the Council Chamber at 6:20pm and returned at 6:22pm.

City Manager Wrighton explained that the Ordinance Adopting City Code Chapter 18.1-Budget along with the following two items on the agenda relate to adopting the budget ordinance.

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

Motion Adopting Budget Policy, was presented. Councilman McDaniel made a motion to adopt the Budget Policy, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

2019-120 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 07-Officers and Employees Generally, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2019-126 Resolution Authorizing Agreement City of Decatur, Illinois, Mueller Co. LLC, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A. through V. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Councilman Faber wished to remove Item S. from the Consent Calendar citing the importance of the Ordinance. The Clerk read Items A. through V (with the exception of Item S.):

2019-121 Item A. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2373 West Ash Avenue
2019-122 Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2380 West Ash Avenue
2019-123 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2410 & 2350 Boiling Springs Road
2019-124 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3525 Catherine Street
2019-125 Item E. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3071 Danny Drive
2019-126 Item F. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2215 Dunes Drive
2019-127 Item G. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2355 North Elizabeth Drive
2019-128 Item H. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3258 Fite Drive
2019-129 Item I. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3320 South Greenview Drive

2019-130 Item J. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2525 East Mound Road
2019-131 Item K. Ordinance Annexing Territory 4115 North Taylor Avenue
2019-132 Item L. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3524 West Ravina Park Road
2019-133 Item M. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2650 South Taylorville Road
R2019-127 Item N. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Human Relations Commission
R2019-128 Item O. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Civil Service Commission
R2019-129 Item P. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Construction & Housing Board of Appeals
Item Q. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
2019-134 Item R. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block of Merchant Street, Northeast Community Fund -Feed the Fund- September 21, 2019
2019-136 Item T. Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 18-Finance Department
2019-137 Item U. Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 19-Foreign Fire Insurance Board
2019-138 Item V. Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 21-Public Library

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A. through V., with the exception of S. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2019-135 Item S. Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 10-City Manager, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilman Faber explained that he wanted the item to be voted on independently due to its importance and that he supported the Ordinance.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

Mayor Moore Wolfe remarked that in the September 1st issue of the Springfield Journal Register there was an informative article relating to fire and pension costs.

Councilwoman Gregory suggested that new members of boards and commissions, either in an orientation or document, should be informed of council's goals and priorities to give new members a better understanding as to what the council aims to accomplish.

Councilman Horn thanked Dove for holding a symposium on domestic violence and thanked the Decatur Police Department for being well represented at the symposium.

Councilman Faber remarked that Decatur Memorial Hospital should have informed the City Manager or City Council in advance of its recent hospital plan merger.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Approved September 16, 2019
Kim Althoff
City Clerk