

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 21, 2023

On Monday, August 21, 2023, 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 Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and David Horn. Councilman Chuck Kuhle was absent. 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 Mr. Mark Schleeter to the podium who read a Proclamation declaring September 9, 2023, as official Pride Day and Pride Fest in Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Jennie Smith, Gary Morse, Bruce Porter, Tamara Burns, Dr. Larry Baker and Abeer Motan.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the August 7, 2023, City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn 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 Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

2023-55 Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Debt to Finance MSC and Library Roofs and Library HVAC Project, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Ms. Ruby James, Finance Director provided additional input regarding financing the project.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-168 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Macon, Illinois and the City of Decatur, Illinois Regarding Animal Control Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Tammy Wilcox, Macon County Administrator, explained the collection of registration and fees.

Council members held a discussion concerning the agreement.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Horn abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-169 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Bodine Proposal Regarding City Fiber Extension from Richland Community College to East Hospitality Lane, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Council members held a discussion on the fiber extension.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-170 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Dunn Company, a Division of Tyrolt, Inc. for Annual Street Restoration Project City Project 2023-08, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works gave an overview of the following two Resolutions and answered questions from Council members regarding the assessment of streets for restoration.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-171 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Dunn Company, a Division of Tyrolt, Inc. for 2023 Local Motor Fuel Tax Street Improvement Project City Project 2023-25, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Motion Adopting City Council Policy Sanitary Sewer Lateral Emergency Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the motion do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works gave an overview of the Motion.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-172 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of an Excavator from Roland Machinery Company, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-173 Resolution Approving the Expenditure of City Funds for the Purchase of Traffic Signal Video Vehicle Detection Systems, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-174 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of 1055 N. Union, 305 W. Packard, 345 W. Packard, 352 W. Packard, 352 W. Leafland, and 361 W. Leafland, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through K. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through K.:

Item A. 2023-56 Ordinance Annexing Territory Lot East of 990 Tohill Road

Item B. 2023-57 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2nd Lot East of 990 Tohill Road Lying South of CN Railroad

Item C. 2023-58 Ordinance Annexing Territory 1805 Danceland Road

Item D. 2023-59 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2249 Mesa Drive

Item E. 2023-60 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3034 Tempe Drive

Item F. R2023-175 Resolution Authorizing a Letter of Amendment to the Public Improvements Agreement with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the Brush College Road Grade Separation, City Project 2009-33, Section 09-00933-01-BR

Item G. R2023-176 Resolution Approving Reappointments - Civil Service Commission

Item H. R2023-177 Resolution Authorizing the Amendment to Resolution No. 2008-02 Adopting Procedures for Electronic Attendance at Meetings

Item I. R2023-178 Resolution Authorizing Amendment #1 to the Right-of-Way Use Agreement with Sifi Networks Decatur LLC for Installing Broadband Services in Areas of Decatur not Serviced by the City

Item J. R2023-179 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

Item K. R2023-180 Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 2023-140 Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of Three (3) Pierce Saber Fire Apparatus and Agreement for Debt Financing of Apparatus

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through K. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Council members held a discussion concerning water shut-offs during excessive heat warnings.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment.

There being no further business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Culp and upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Approved September 5, 2023
Kim Althoff
City Clerk