CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 21, 2017

On Monday, August 21, 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 Bill Faber, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Dana Ray. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory was absent. Six members present and one member absent. 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:

Decatur Township Road Commissioner Gary Brennan stated the City is trying to borrow millions of dollars for an overpass near Brush College Road and Faries Park where some of the property is not in the City of Decatur.

Melody Arnold, representing the Decatur Audubon Society and Community Environmental Council, shared concerns they had about the logging contract with Critchelow Logging Company. Ms. Arnold provided the Council with foresting handouts.

John O'Brien expressed support for the City to avail itself of a forester.

The minutes of the August 7, 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 Bill Faber, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray 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.

R2017-42 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 2302 North Captain Lane, was presented.

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

Gary Brennan shared that he did not oppose the annexation in the Wilcox Addition. Mr. Brennan stated this will make 10 houses in the Wilcox Addition annexed into the City and he has yet to see a snow plow, pot holes fixed or any mowing done until a month ago. It took over four

years to get the City to mow out there. He said since the City is annexing this he going to figure out how much he spent in maintaining Elizabeth and Division Streets and he will be presenting the City with a bill.

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if there were any houses in the township that used City roads. Mr. Brennan stated he didn't know.

Councilman David Horn asked if that property currently were to have an emergency call, would it be City Police and Fire that would respond. City Manager Tim Gleason stated yes, the public safety response time is a component in the annexation consideration.

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

R2017-101 Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Vehicles manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., was presented.

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

Councilman David Horn asked if there were other companies that manufacturer fire apparatus other than Pierce. City Manager Tim Gleason stated there were, but the satisfaction level is very high with Pierce.

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

R2017-102 Resolution Authorizing Renewal Tyler Technologies, Inc. Maintenance Support Incode Court Case Management Suite, was presented.

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

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked how often the City shops these contracts. City Manager Tim Gleason explained that the City has had a long standing relationship with Tyler Technologies. The City has had this discussion internally and at this point the City is satisfied with continuing their relationship with Tyler with the Council's recommendation.

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

A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
B. R2017-103 Resolution Approving Appointment – Civil Service Commission
C. R2017-104 Resolution Approving Reappointment – Civil Service Commission
D. R2017-105 Resolution Approving Reappointment – Decatur Housing Authority
E. R2017-106 Resolution Approving Appointment – Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (Civic Center Board)

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Councilman Bill Faber read a statement about the Decatur Park District's decision to close Scovill Golf Course. Councilman Bill Faber read the closing of Scovill Golf Course stands as a clear mark of the continued decline of our community.

Councilman David Horn thanked the Decatur Audubon Society, Community Environmental Council, and individuals present at the Council meeting for their strong opposition to logging. Councilman David Horn said the citizens of Decatur have an opportunity to create a vision for our forest lands.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to Study Session for:

- Treasurer's Financial Report
- Distracted Driving – Council Follow-up Discussion
- 130 N. Franklin Street – Annex Update

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

Finance Director Gregg Zientara gave the City's Financial Report. City Manager Tim Gleason and Finance Director Gregg Zientara responded to Council members questions regarding the budget.

Chief of Police James Getz provided a handout on distracted driving. He stated he wanted to give the Council information to help them make a decision on whether increased fines by City Ordinance will stop distracted driving behavior. Chief Getz went over the distracted driving handout. Council members shared their concerns about distracted driving and the importance of

police enforcement. Councilmen Bill Faber, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Dana Ray and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe were not in favor of raising the fines. Councilman Pat McDaniel was in favor of increasing the fines. Councilman Pat McDaniel thought if the City raised the fines it would make an impact on motorists' behavior. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and Councilwoman Dana Ray shared that education is a big component of this issue. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe commended Councilman Pat McDaniel for bringing up this very important issue and she also commended the Decatur Police for the very good job they do to make our streets as safe as they possibly can.

City Manager Tim Gleason provided a presentation on the Decatur Public Library Annex. He explained the City promised the Library Board that the library parking lot would be paved earlier this year and the parking lot has been paved adequately. The reason there is not a finished and improved parking lot is if the decision of the Council is to bring down the Library Annex it would not be prudent to pave the parking lot prior to possible demolition of the Annex. City Manager Tim Gleason provided a Power Point presentation of photos of the Library Annex. The Annex contains black mold from the leaking roof. The City has concerns about the HVAC system, fire prevention sprinkler system, elevator, and the building mechanical system. The City is looking to Council for direction as to whether to demolish or rehabilitate the Library Annex. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked if the building was taken down to the brick would it be usable or not. City Manager Tim Gleason stated it is a solid building. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if the Library Board had any ideas for the Annex. Library Board President Mark Sorensen stated they had no uses for the Annex for library activity. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked if the Board had any preference on what happens to the Annex. Mr. Sorensen stated the Board would like a decision on this and anything else related to the building. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe requested a solid look at how much this was going to cost. She believed the direction from Council was, unless someone comes forward in the next couple of weeks to take this building over, they are leaning towards taking the building down.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle. Councilmen Bill Faber, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved September 5, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk