

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 3, 2020

On Monday, August 3, 2020, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, and Pat McDaniel. Councilman Bill Faber participated through electronic attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe that an in-person meeting of all members of the City Council is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Council members Rodney Walker and Lisa Gregory were 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 for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Marc Girdler, Tony Wilkins, and Derek Bradshaw.

Councilman Horn made a motion to amend the City Council policy on Public Participation Rules and Procedures to allow Mr. Bradshaw additional time to speak. Councilman Faber seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber and David Horn voted aye. Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Mr. David McCroskey provided comments to the Council.

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

The minutes of the City Council Study Session meeting on July 13, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on July 20, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Pat McDaniel voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Mr. Bret Robertson read a proclamation proclaiming August 9th - August 15th, 2020 “Historic Preservation Week” in Decatur, Illinois.

2020-121 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 50 - Licenses, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory entered the Theater at 5:57 pm.

Council discussed the impact of COVID-19 on businesses and families.

City Manager Wrighton explained how the Ordinance would be enforced.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland added that the proposed Ordinance amendment would expire when it was repealed by Council.

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

2020-122 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 - Alcoholic Liquor, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

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

Ms. Hope Wheeler with CliftonLarsonAllen presented the December 31, 2019 Audit Presentation and highlighted the findings from the audit. Ms. Wheeler answered questions from Council.

R2020-102 Resolution Authorizing Professional Service Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP for Auditing Services and Non-Audit Advisory Services, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

2020-123 Ordinance Amending City Code, Chapter 38, Stormwater Ordinance, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Council held a discussion on permit fees and the Public Works staff having additional time to perform added duties.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director explained that his staff has the expertise and time to perform the inspections at least through the end of the year.

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

2020-124 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 28 - Unlawful Discrimination, Article 10, Minority Participation Goals for Public Works Contracts, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Council held a discussion regarding the language in the Ordinance.

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

Motion Adopting City Council Policies, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Motion do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Motion.

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

R2020-103 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Felmley-Dickerson for the Fire Station No. 3 Construction Project, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Council held a discussion on the priority of the Fire Stations based on safety conditions of the buildings.

Fire Chief Jeff Abbott explained that a study was done by Dewberry and their recommendation was that Fire Station No. 5 should be built first, followed by Fire Station No. 3 and Fire Station No. 7. Fire Chief Abbott agreed with Dewberry's recommendation.

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

R2020-104 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Purchase Agreement for 3530 East Chesnut Avenue, City of Decatur, Illinois, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A. and B. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. No Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read items A. and B.

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
R2020-105 Item B. Resolution Approving Appointment - Electrical Commission

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

City Manager Wrighton announced that a Resolution approving and determining the need for confidentiality of minutes of closed meetings will be on the next regular scheduled City Council agenda and if any Council member wished to review minutes that are not being released they can contact the City Clerk.

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

Councilman McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Approved August 17, 2020

Kim Althoff

City Clerk