

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 21, 2014

On Monday, July 21, 2014, 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 Michael T. McElroy presided; together with him being Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe and Dana M. Ray. Seven members were present. Mayor McElroy declared a quorum present.

City Manager, Ryan P. McCrady, attended the meeting as well.

Mayor McElroy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2014, were presented. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler abstained. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for unfinished business and there being none; the Mayor proceeded to New Business. There were no Proclamations or Mayor's Recognitions.

The Mayor introduced Sue Lawson, CONO President. Ms. Lawson introduced B.G. Leonard with First Christian Church who provided a video presentation of how his church has reached out and adopted a block in the GM Square neighborhood. Friendships were built, people were ministered to and the neighborhood was provided help. In addition, three (3) block parties were hosted by First Christian Church in the GM Square neighborhood furthering the partnership. Sue Lawson advised of the following events: OKO Neighborhood organization is now meeting at City Appraise on Main Street. If citizens are welcome to attend their meetings they can contact DOVE and be provided with details. Pastor Matt Samuels and Amy Gross affiliated with GT Church are partnering with the Galloway Park neighborhood. August 16, 2014, GT Church will host a block party from 1-3. Art Classes will be available for those interested thanks to the CDBG funds. Call DOVE for information with regard to the dates/times of classes. CONO will meet at the Decatur Public Library in the Staley Room at 5:30 p.m. July 22. Seth Levin will be the speaker. The public is encouraged and welcome to attend. The National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 5. The first stop will be George Coates Park, second stop will be Fansfield and the third stop will be Garfield Park. This is a family event and everyone is welcome. The Regional Neighborhood Network will be held September 11, 12 and 13 in Richmond, Indiana. Sixteen people will attend and Ms. Lawson thanked Council funding this event.

2014-33 An Ordinance Authorizing the Partial Reissuance and Current Refunding of a Portion of \$11,934,000 Hospital Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 (Decatur Memorial Hospital) (the "Series 2010 Bonds") by the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois (the "City") and the Reregistration of the Series 2010 Bonds; Approving

the Execution and Delivery of a Second Supplemental Bond Trust Indenture and a Second Amendment to Tax Exemption Agreement; and Authorizing and Approving Certain Other Matters, was presented.

Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe abstained because she is employed by Decatur Memorial Hospital. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

R2014-80 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Corley Landfill Sediment Placement, City Project 2014-02, was presented.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

2014-34 Ordinance Rezoning Property – 1964 South Taylorville Road, was presented.

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

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

2014-35 Ordinance Rezoning Property – 3500 Block East Mound Road, was presented.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

2014-36 Ordinance Rezoning Property – 300-500 Blocks East King Street and East Central Avenue, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

R2014-81 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures, was presented.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson.

Jerry J. Dawson moved the language in this item be amended to exclude the address of 865 West King Street; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the Resolution do pass with said amendment made; seconded by Councilman Pat Mc Daniel.

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor McElroy called for Consent Calendar Items A through D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Items A through D were approved by Omnibus Vote.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved that Consent Calendar Items A through D be approved by Omnibus Vote and seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler, and on call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

A. 2014-37 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Right of Way and in Central Park – Decatur Celebration;

B. R2014-82 Resolution Regarding Parking Fees for Garages B and C and Surface Lots A and F – Decatur Celebration;

C. R2014-83 Resolution Approving Downtown Trolley Route Change; and

D. R2014-84 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Aerial Pictometry Photography.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens the following citizens appeared: Betsy Stockard Odeneal, 881 Jefferson Drive, Decatur, Illinois, received a citation for weeds. Ms. Odeneal advised the City is in violation of its own weed ordinance with regard to several properties it owns. She encouraged Council to revisit and amend the City's Weed Ordinance. Jim Taylor, 2600 South Franklin Street Road, Decatur, Illinois, expressed his opinion that he did not understand the purpose of the lights at Franklin Street and South Park. In addition he complained of the Wabash Crossing area looking terrible and grass being blown into streets and being left by those employed by the City who are mowing City lots. Don Carmichael, Decatur, Illinois, provided Council with a handout and spoke about the over use of insecticides and pesticides. He encouraged Council to review the City Code with regard to Weeds and expressed his opinion that residents should be allowed to grow weeds in their yards. Ron Ballard, 1221 East Walnut Street, Decatur, Illinois, stated he and others in his neighborhood have a problem with the property owner at 1186 East Walnut Street. The house has been vacant for ten (10) years and it is an eyesore because of fallen tree. In addition, he has tried contacting the inspector and has received no response. He would like the situation to be reviewed.

Mayor McElroy proceeded to Other Business. There being no other business, Pat McDaniel moved to recess to Study Session for the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jerry J. Dawson.

On call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Greg Zientara, Director of Finance, provided an overview of the City's financial status.

There being no further business, Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Approved August 4, 2014

Linda M. Swartz
City Clerk