

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 17, 2017

On Monday, July 17, 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 Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Charles Kuhle. Seven members present. 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.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mayor Mike McElroy who passed away two years ago on July 17th.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, the following citizens appeared:

Kevin Breheny spoke in regards to issues concerning the Decatur Celebration fence. Mr. Breheny shared he was convinced that a fence is needed around the perimeter of the Celebration for all the right reasons. The Celebration had his full support.

Dr. Jeanelle Norman read a statement regarding the Decatur Celebration event and encouraged City Council to pass the use of the fence.

The minutes of the July 3, 2017 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, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Dana Ray abstained. Six ayes and one abstention. 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.

Proclamations and Recognitions:

Lt. Antonio Brown read the Proclamation proclaiming August 1, 2017 as National Night Out in Decatur, Illinois.

December 31, 2016 Audit Presentation – City Manager Tim Gleason announced the formal presentation of the 2016 Annual Audit by Hope Wheeler, CPA, Principal with CliftonLarsonAllen. Hope Wheeler gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2016 audit reports to Council. Councilman Pat McDaniel cautioned citizens that when they review the sewer and

water fund revenue and the expenses are low, that the City is just gearing up for projects and the expenses are going to catch up. Councilwoman Dana Ray asked if Mass Transit included the money that the City is still owed by the State. Ms. Wheeler stated it would include any receivables that are due from the State.

2017-35 Ordinance Rezoning Property R-1 Single Family Residence District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District 3550 North 27th Street, was presented.

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

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

R2017-90 Resolution Approving an Inter-Governmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation and the City of Decatur for the Decatur Supply Chain Study (City Project 2014-06 Midwest Inland Port Transportation Plan), was presented.

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

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if the City would receive the money first before the project starts. City Manager Tim Gleason stated, yes, the City would. Councilman David Horn asked how Decatur based companies would benefit from the results of this study. City Manager Tim Gleason shared there are other opportunities in this community directly related to our transportation goals and the ongoing expansion of the Midwest Inland Port. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated that we all feel that this is the right thing to do and it will bring businesses and it will help our businesses grow. This study will bring us actual data that will support what we believe.

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

R2017-91 Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement between Quetica, LLC, and the City of Decatur for the Decatur Supply Chain Study, (City Project 2014-06 Midwest Inland Port Transportation Plan), was presented.

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

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

2017-36 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Main Street and Illinois Street Facing East Main Street, was presented.

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

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

2017-37 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East North Street and North 25th Street facing North 25th Street, was presented.

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

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

2017-38 Ordinance Granting Permanent Easement to Ameren Illinois Company for the Installation of a Gas Pipeline, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilman David Horn asked if the City went ahead with this permanent easement, he understood that there was a fish hatchery on the property, would this impact our ability to continue with the fish hatchery. City Manager Tim Gleason shared he asked staff that question and that practice will continue. Councilman David Horn asked if Ameren would have any objections to continuing with the fish hatchery or other uses that property has had in the past. City Manager Tim Gleason stated it was his assumption that the answer would be no. Councilman David Horn asked if the City agreed to the permanent easement would Ameren have any objections to its current land usage as a fish hatchery. Project Manager Yvonne Blount, with Ameren, stated there would not be. Councilman David Horn asked if there would be any land usage that Ameren would object to that's in the normal operation of the City. Ms. Blount replied, no.

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

2017-39 Ordinance Granting Permanent Easement to Ameren Illinois Company for the Installation of a Gas Regulator Station, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2017-92 Resolution Regarding Temporarily Closing Some Downtown Sidewalks – Decatur Celebration, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman David Horn.

Councilman Pat McDaniel asked for clarification about why the fence is needed at the Celebration this year. Lori Sturgill with the Celebration shared they felt there were a number of factors that the fence was solving. One factor is financial and it's also about safety and security. Kendall Briscoe shared that the Celebration was down in every single line item last year and the feedback they received last year was that people were scared to come down because of the things that were happening on a national level at festivals. Councilman Pat McDaniel shared he cannot support putting a fence around a business district. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked Kendall Briscoe if she thought by putting a fence around the Celebration that they were going to be able to close a financial gap that will allow them to be sustainable next year. Kendall Briscoe stated the projections they have done, they are going to make it. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked if the Celebration had met with the first responders and are they aware of how they can access the Celebration. Lori Sturgill stated they had met with first responders and had put plans in place so the gates can be moved very quickly and everyone at the gates are trained to do so. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory shared that she had received a lot of calls today concerning placing a gate around the Celebration, that it really highlights the difference between those that can afford to attend and those that cannot. Lori Sturgill explained that is why they kept the price at \$5.00 and kids 12 and under free. Kendall Briscoe added that the Celebration is not charging to get in the carnival area. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked if the Celebration requested the same hours for consumption of alcohol as they did last year. Lori Sturgill explained that there were later than what they were last year, however, that was a typo. They did not intend to ask for a later time this year. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked for more details on the mechanics of getting out of the Celebration. Lori Sturgill explained there are seven admission gates around the perimeter of the Celebration. At the end of the night they will open up entire streets to get people out at the end of the night and to bring the end loaders in to do cleanup. Should there be some kind of emergency, there will be the same kind of removal of the gates.

Shawn Horve with the Celebration shared the fence would help operations at the end of the night and he would like to see the Celebration continue to be family oriented.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through C and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Councilman Pat McDaniel requested Item C. be pulled. The Clerk read Items A - B:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2017-93 Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Rights-of-Way Community Events – Shoreline Classic

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

2017-40 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way and in Central Park – Decatur Celebration, was presented.

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

Councilman Pat McDaniel motioned to amend the Ordinance to reflect that the sale of liquor will stop at 11:00 p.m. and not midnight on both Friday and Saturday nights; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle.

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

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Councilman Charles Kuhle shared that the 19th annual USTA Ursula Beck Pro Tennis Classic starts July 29th and goes through August 6th. Councilman Bill Faber invited the public to attend the Economic Development Forum to be held Thursday, July 27th, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for the Treasurer's Financial Report.

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

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

Finance Director Gregg Zientara presented the June 2017 Treasurer's Financial Report. Finance Director Gregg Zientara and City Manager Tim Gleason responded to Council members questions.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved August 7, 2017

Debra G. Bright

City Clerk