

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 7, 2014

On Monday, July 7, 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, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe and Dana M. Ray. Six members were present. Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler was absent. 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 June 30, 2014, were presented. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray, 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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for unfinished business and there being no unfinished business, the Mayor proceeded to New Business. There were no Proclamations. The Mayor introduced Linda Hasenmyer who then introduced Melanie Anselmo, Cassidy Meador, Skylar Sunderland and Joe Cooper. The students received a Stephen Decatur Medallion and Certificate from the Mayor McElroy: The students will represent the City of Decatur when they travel to Japan.

2014-29 Ordinance Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan and Projects for the Decatur Southeast Plaza Tax Increment Financing District, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

2014-30 Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Third Amendment to a TIF Redevelopment Agreement by and between the City of Decatur and Airport Plaza Joint Venture, LLC, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

2014-31 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 34 Traffic and Parking, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

R2014-77 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for Angle Crossing Road Improvement, City Project 2014-07, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

R2014-78 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract for North Street Sidewalk Vault, City Project 2014-33, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

R2014-79 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Addendum No. 1 to Lake Decatur Dredging Basins 1 - 4 and Oakley Sediment Basin Rehabilitation Contract City Project W1314, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

2014-32 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 28 Unlawful Discrimination, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens and no one appearing, Mayor McElroy proceeded to Other Business. There being no other business, Jerry J. Dawson moved to recess to Study Session for Dredging Project Update; seconded by Larry W. Foster.

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. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Keith Alexander, Director of Water Management, provided an overview of the project and Jon Nieman, Vice President of Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, provided a progress report, how the dredging will proceed and explained how boaters can transit around the dredge equipment. Mr. Nieman advised a Vendor Fair will be held on July

22. Great Lakes will be advertising the fair as they hope to get as many Decatur vendors involved as possible. In addition, he provided Council with an update on the local hourly workforce and stated with regard to the Oakley Basin eighteen (18) local people are employed and two (2) non-local people are employed – 90% of the employees are local people. With regard to the dredge crew eleven (11) local people are employed and four (4) non-local people are employed – approximately 75% of the employees are local people.

Jeff Hunt, 2414 Angle Court, Decatur, IL, inquired how close the dredging comes to the local docks that are in the lake and if local residents would have to hire a local company or if they would be allowed to hire Great Lakes to dredge closer to their boat docks. Mr. Hunt also inquired about the noise expectation and if the operation is 24/7. Mr. Nieman advised 25' is how close the dredging comes to local docks and no arrangement has been made for private dredging on the lake. In addition, Mr. Nieman explained the dredge operation is 24/7 is electric and it is very quiet. Keith Alexander advised the City has looked into the private dredging for those who live on the lake with boat docks but there are challenges such as contracting with the number of dock owners on the lake through a contractor would be very time consuming and the amount of storage at the Oakley storage site as well as a physical challenge because one cannot dredge too close to the lake shore. In addition, the dredge equipment does not have the type of precision to carefully sculpt the lake bottom out of some of the dock areas.

There being no further business, Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe, 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. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Approved July ____, 2014

Linda M. Swartz
City Clerk