

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, July 6, 2015

On Monday, July 6, 2015, 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 McElroy presided; together with him being Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, and Pat McDaniel. Seven members were present. Mayor Michael McElroy declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason, attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Michael McElroy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the City Council meeting of June 15, 2015 and Special City Council meeting of June 23, 2015 were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. 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 Recognitions.

2015-31 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 3314 North Westlawn Avenue.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-83 Resolution Accepting the Bid – Top Quality Roofing – for Roof Replacement for Salt Storage Dome at Municipal Services Center, Purchasing Project – 2015-10.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-84 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Entler Excavating Company, Inc., for 2015 Miscellaneous Sanitary & Storm Sewer Improvement Project, City Project 2015-09.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-85 Resolution Authorizing a Water Service Agreement for 4333 North Taylor Avenue.

Councilman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-86 Resolution Approving an Agreement with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc. for the 2015 Annual Water Main Replacement Project, Forest Crest Subdivision City Project 2015-10.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-87 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Natural Gas Supply Contract with Mid American Energy Company.

Councilman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson. City Manager explained that Items Number eight (8) and nine (9) were pulled from the Agenda; they were related to Item Number seven (7). Bids were received today and Mid American Energy Company was the lowest bidder. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

Mayor Michael McElroy called for Consent Calendar Items A through C and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Councilman Bill Faber requested Item B be removed. The Clerk read Items A and C:

A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards

C. 2015-32 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park Decatur Area Arts Council

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved that Consent Calendar Items A and C be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

City Clerk Debbie Bright explained that there was a typographical error made on Item B of the Consent Calendar. The Library Board terms will expire in 2018 not 2016. The Clerk read Item B:

B. R2015-88 Resolution Approving Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Councilman Bill Faber had objections about appointing and setting precedence by appointing a City official to serve as a voting member on the Decatur Public Library Board.

Councilman Lisa Gregory moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye and Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Six ayes and one nay; Mayor Michael McElroy declared the motion carried.

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

James Taylor and Lloyd Holman presented a resolution concerning residency requirements for City of Decatur employees.

Sherry Procaroine objected to the three minute time limit for the Appearance of Citizens. Ms. Procaroine suggested putting money not spent buying Police surveillance

cameras towards hiring more Police personnel to work in the new Law Enforcement Center lobby area.

Russell Shulke shared his concerns about water meter services and payment options.

This being the time for other business, Mayor McElroy called Rick Marley to the podium. Rick Marley explained that the City has a new warning signal system and will be testing the tornado warning siren along with the attack warning siren on July 7, 2015.

Mayor McElroy recognized Paul McChancy for his 16 years of service as Municipal Transit Director and 24 years of service as a Macon County Planner. Mr. McChancy is retiring. Mayor McElroy also announced Betsy Stockard passed away last week. She was a wonderful citizen of Decatur.

Councilman Pat McDaniel requested that Transit work up a plan for night transit buses and when the City has the funds possibly night transit services could be implemented.

Councilman Bill Faber requested that the citizens' resolution addressing City employees' residency requirement be put on the agenda for Council consideration. City Manager Tim Gleason said the employees' residency requirement would be best served at a Study Session.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved to recess to study session for the Presentation of Administrative Court – Code Enforcement Enhancements and 130 North Franklin Street – Decatur Public Library; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

City Manager Tim Gleason gave an overview of the Administrative Court changes that have been implemented. System Administrator Seth Stark gave a presentation of the new City Code Violator Database. Councilman Pat McDaniel reminded the public that the four business day courtesy notification was still in place also. Councilman Dana Ray inquired about how many cases are under the Macon County Trustees and she wanted to make sure the City is holding itself to the same standards. Councilman Bill Faber would like Council to consider changing the four day courtesy letter to a mandatory notification.

Sherry Procaroine asked the Council to keep in mind the costs to the public for Administrative Court. Larry Nave shared his concerns about lots not being mowed. Jack Wilkerson expressed his confusion about Administrative Court procedures. Greg Washburn inquired about Administrative Court procedures and requested that the City get the garbage haulers involved too.

City Manager Tim Gleason introduced Chairman John Phillips of the Decatur Public Library Board of Trustees who gave a presentation on the Public Library Board and the Public Building Commission's proposal. City Manager Tim Gleason shared the history and information that he has learned since March 2015. City Manager Tim Gleason's goal is to gather all the facts so that the Council can make an informed decision for the community about the Library. City Manager Tim Gleason introduced City Treasurer Gregg Zientara who shared information about the 1998 Bond and how it impacts the City if the Library is removed from the books. Council members inquired

about tax levies, lease revenues, general obligations bonds, and the costs of the Library building going forward. Council had more questions to be considered and needed more information to review regarding previous Council ordinances. Mayor McElroy shared that he represents the Decatur tax payers. Mayor McElroy believes that best representation of the tax payers would be to begin talks to purchase the library.

There being no further business, Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe, and on call of the roll Councilmen Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Approved August 3, 2015
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk