

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2017

On Monday, May 1, 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 Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Dana Ray. Seven members present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus attended the meeting in City Manager Tim Gleason's absence.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

President Jim Heatherton of ABATE of Illinois Freedom by Choice spoke about the importance of raising motorcycle safety and awareness. Mr. Heatherton provided the Council with a report from the Illinois Department of Transportation on motorcycle crash statistics. Mr. Heatherton would like for Decatur to set an example for motorcycle awareness and safety and start saving lives.

Melody Arnold representing Friends of Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park and Memorial read a statement regarding their mission, goals, and upcoming events.

Jim Oettel shared his concerns regarding people mowing and blowing their grass on to the roadways. Mr. Oettel also commented on the proposal to harvest timber. Mr. Oettel stated the City needs to look at the resources they have here and capitalize on them. Think about how much the City is spending to take silt out of the lake. There is going to be run off into the lake from the land where the trees are harvested. He asked Council to think about the long term consequences of their decision.

The minutes of the April 26, 2017 Special City Council meeting and May 1, 2017 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman David Horn stated he was not present at the April 26, 2017 meeting and abstained; Councilman Charles Kuhle abstained. Five ayes and two abstentions. 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:

Macon County Sheriff Lt. Tony Brown read a Proclamation proclaiming May 2017 as Community Action Awareness Month in recognition of the hard work and dedication of all community action agencies.

Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus read a statement prepared by City Manager Tim Gleason in recognition of Assistant City Manager Jerry Bauer's retirement at the end of May after almost 38 years of service to the City. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe also thanked Jerry Bauer, on behalf of the Council, for his dedication to the community.

R2017-65 Resolution Authorizing Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information between the City of Decatur and the State of Illinois, Department of Revenue pursuant to Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, Service Occupation Tax Act, Use Tax Act and the Service Use Tax Act, was presented.

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

Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus answered Council member's questions regarding the purpose of the confidentiality of the report.

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

R2017-66 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Jackson Ford, Inc., Decatur, IL, for the Purchase of One (1) 2017 Ford F-250 ¾ Ton Pick-Up Truck with Life Gate, was presented.

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

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked why more businesses in town didn't bid on the vehicles. Public Works Director Rick Marley said over the years the City has received bids from all manufacturers and all makes. He didn't know of any reasons for why the City didn't receive more bids.

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

R2017-67 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Jackson Ford, Inc., Decatur, IL, for the Purchase of Two (2) 2017 Ford F-250 ¾ Ton Pick-Up Trucks with Plow, was presented.

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

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

R20107-68 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Jackson Ford, Inc., Decatur, IL, for the Purchase of Two (2) 2017 Ford F-150 ½ Ton Extended Cab Pick-Up Trucks, was presented.

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

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

R2017-69 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Removal of Certain Trees – Critchelow Logging Company, was presented.

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

Mr. Critchelow and Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus responded to Council member's questions regarding the harvesting of trees at the proposed location. Councilman David Horn shared that harvesting up to 114 trees for short term profit while risking the immediate loss of nest and nestling birds, as well as degrading hardwood forest, is not in best interest of the City. Councilman Bill Faber stated he would embark on logging projects if there was a compelling need to do so.

Judy Parish said it takes mature trees to produce our oxygen. In a City, it is especially important to have something making our oxygen.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through F and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Councilman Charles Kuhle removed Items B and E. The Clerk read Items A, C, D and F:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- C. R2017-70 Resolution Approving Appointment – Historical and Architectural Sites Commission
- D. R2017-71 Resolution Approving Reappointments – DCDF Board

F. R2017-72 Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Rights-of-Way – Community Events – Firecracker Road Run

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

R2017-73 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with HSHS Medical Group, Inc. for Occupational Health Services, was presented.

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

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if these types of items are put out for bid. Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus stated no, but the City does regularly work with a number of different providers to provide these types of services.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated she would be abstaining from the vote because of her employer.

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

2017-23 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way – Decatur Celebration, Inc. – French Fried 5K & Street Party, was presented.

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

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if part of downtown was going to be closed for this event. City Clerk Debbie Bright stated West Main, West William and West North would be closed. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if this would impact the merchants downtown. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated this was the second year for the race.

John Phillips stated this is the second year and nobody was asked last year about closing the roads. Last year they just closed off the roads. It would be helpful if the Decatur Celebration did some asking. They sat up at 3:00 p.m. on Friday last year, but he has been told the Decatur Celebration would do it different this year.

Councilman Pat McDaniel stated he has been told that when there are events downtown over the weekend the streets are closed down the night before.

John Phillips stated if they would close down the road the morning of the race for a couple of hours they would deal with it. Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus said they will have a conversation with Decatur Celebration to make sure there is outreach and routing of traffic prior to this happening.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated he would like to know the age of the people involved in the motorcycle accidents. He also stated the City needs to start doing some enforcement of people blowing their grass clipping out into the roadways. Councilman Bill Faber requested statistics on how many citations have been issued in the past five years for distracted driving in the community.

Moore Wolfe called to Recess to Study Session for the Treasurer's Financial Report.

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

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

Finance Director Gregg Zientara gave the monthly Finance report and responded to Council member's questions regarding property taxes and sales taxes.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to Closed Executive Session under Section 2. Open Meetings (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees and (c) (6) the Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body.

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

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

Council returned to the regular Council meeting following Closed Executive Session.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. All were in favor by voicing no objections. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Approved June 5, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk