

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 4, 2015

On Monday, May 4, 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.

City Clerk announced that Items 2, 3, and 4 had been pulled from the Agenda.

Michael McElroy was sworn in to the office of City Mayor

Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, and Dr. Dana Ray were sworn in to the office of City Councilman.

Mayor Michael McElroy presided; together with him being Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana M. Ray, Jerry J. Dawson, Bill Faber, and Lisa Gregory; Julie Moore-Wolfe was absent from the meeting. Six 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 meeting of April 20, 2015, were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Dawson, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana M. Ray, Jerry J. Dawson, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. Bill Faber – abstained. 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.

This being the time for Proclamations Mayor Michael McElroy introduced Grant Bullock, Millikin Score Chairman, who introduced Ray Fields with Papa Murphy's Pizza who read the Proclamation declaring Small Business Week, May 4 through May 8, 2015. Mayor Michael McElroy announced a Proclamation for the Letter Carriers Food Drive. Angie Miller read the proclamation declaring May 9, 2015, National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day.

This being the time for Good News Mayor Michael McElroy introduced Billy Tyus who presented information about the Ashley Furniture Store development.

2015-17 Ordinance Rezoning Property From R-1 Single Family Residence District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District – 3200-3400 Blocks East Mound Road was presented.

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

Mayor Michael McElroy called for Consent Calendar Items A through D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Councilman Bill Faber inquired about the appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore and Mayor Michael McElroy requested Item D be removed. The Clerk read Items A – C:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions,
- B. 2015-18 Ordinance Approving Appointment City Clerk
- C. 2015-19 Ordinance Approving Appointment City Treasurer

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

After the Clerk read Item D, Mayor Michael McElroy advised Council that Julie Moore-Wolfe was named person to be approved for the Mayor Pro Tempore appointment.

2015-20 Ordinance Designating Mayor Pro Tempore

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

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

James Taylor congratulated the newly elected officers. Mr. Taylor voiced his concerns about the houses and businesses boarded up in Decatur and asked that the Council look into fixing up the houses.

Larry Nave inquired about whether the Study Session on May 18th for Administrative Court will include Ordinances 48 & 49.

Russell Shulke thanked the community for keeping portions of Fairview Avenue safe to travel on.

Curt Jackson addressed the Council regarding two locations in the City that had tall weeds in his opinion.

Jack Wilkerson inquired about what landlords should do about returning the blue recycle totes that tenants or someone fill with garbage.

Sherry Procaroine congratulated all new Council Members. Ms. Procaroine asked the Council to consider waiting a year before buying the mid-size vehicles and look at the issue of roads in need of repair. Ms. Procaroine urged Council not to put cameras in vehicles. Inquired as to whether the City can get loans from somewhere else other than the IEPA for storm sewer work. Ms. Procaroine reminded Council of the public outcry for review of the Ordinances when Administrative Court comes up.

Becky Nave requested that when it comes to small businesses that the Council not forget the landlords.

Chris Brodnicki, General Manager of the Civic Center, recognized and thanked the Decatur Community in the recent Kraft Hockeyville voting. Decatur was named runner-up. Decatur came together for a cause and Mr. Brodnicki expressed his appreciation.

This being the time for Other Business, Councilwoman Ray stated that she is going to be on vacation May 18, 2015, and she wants to be part of the Study Session. Councilwoman Ray wants to be part of the solution and will discuss the mechanics of how she can be involved in the solution. Councilwoman Ray expressed that she wants to make sure that the neighborhood walks will continue. Mayor Michael McElroy would prefer to go to pavilions and invite two or three neighborhoods to come. Councilwoman Ray said that she felt it was good being in the neighborhoods and seeing the condition of the houses. Councilman McDaniel said that there is value in taking City Hall out into

the Community; that he would like to see neighborhood walks done both ways. Mayor stated that they would discuss both options. Mayor doesn't want to see it dissolve. Marsha Phillips said that having been on a lot of these neighborhood walks she thought notification is important to the neighborhoods with post cards or signs. Sherry Procaroine asked isn't that what the City Council meeting are for; shouldn't the public put forth the effort to attend the Council meetings. Councilwoman Ray stated that since the Council is elected at large that it was even more important that they get out into the various neighborhoods.

There being no further business, Councilman McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Dawson, and on call of the roll Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana M. Ray, Jerry J. Dawson, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Michael McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Approved May 18, 2015
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk