

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 16, 2018

On Monday, April 16, 2018, 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 Council members Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Pat McDaniel. 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 called for Appearance of Citizens.

Bill Schoeneberg stated the curbing is down to the dirt and concrete is flying all over the road on Spruce Hill Drive.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the April 2, 2018, 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, Council members Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. 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.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara provided the Treasurer's Financial Report. Mr. Zientara and City Manager Tim Gleason responded to Council members' comments and questions regarding the budget.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Proclamation and Recognitions.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe recognized the Robertson Charter 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team for winning the State Championship. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe gave the coaches and team members Stephen Decatur Medallions.

R2018-35 Resolution Authorizing Approval to Renew the Annual License and Support Agreement from Tyler Technologies, Inc. for MUNIS Enterprise Financial Software System Suite, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

R2018-36 Resolution Approving an Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Water System Hydraulic Model Update and Extended Period Simulation (EPS), City Project 2018-04, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman David Horn asked if Strand Associates had a Decatur branch. City Manager Tim Gleason stated Strand Associates did not have a local presence. Councilman David Horn asked if there were any companies in Illinois that could do similar work. Public Works Director Matt Newell stated that Strand does have an Illinois branch where most of this work will be functioning out of.

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

Receiving and Filing Final Plat Southeast Place 5100-5200 Blocks of East Fitzgerald Road, was presented. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved to approve the item as presented; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman Charles Kuhle asked what costs are involved with the sanitary pump station being brought into working condition and why is it not in working condition. Mary Cave with Chastain Associates explained that the pump station is brand new. It was built in 2010 when the first phase of Fitzgerald Road was built and the pump station had been idle since then. Now that the residential development is coming, the pumps were reran and everything is in working order.

Councilman Bill Faber shared that he did not think this was a good plan when we allow this type of development on the outskirts of town instead of focusing on the in skirts.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through E and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked to remove Item B. Councilman Pat McDaniel asked to remove Item C. Councilman David Horn asked to remove Item E. The Clerk read Items A and D:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes Boards and Commissions
- D. 2018-37 Resolution Approving Reappointments – Historical and Architectural Sites Commission

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

Item B., 2018-10 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way and in Central Park – Decatur Smokin’ BBQ Festival as amended, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked for clarification on the original plan regarding closing some streets downtown for the festival. Jarrod Cox with the Decatur Convention and Visitors Bureau shared that they are going to leave Water Street open. The only street that will be closed down during the festival is North Park Street. Councilman Pat McDaniel asked if the vendors are required to pay sales tax. Mr. Cox stated it was a requirement. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland asked Mr. Cox if they would not then need South Park Street closed as they had originally asked for. Mr. Cox stated they would only need four or five parking spaces on the north side of South Park Street closed.

Councilman Pat McDaniel motioned to amend the Ordinance instead of South Park Street closed to read approximately five parking spaces on the north side of South Park Street closed; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

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

Item C., R2018-38 Resolution Approving Reappointments – Library Board of Trustees, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber explained his opposition to the reappointment of Gregg Zientara from the City’s executive staff to an independent Library Board was an infringement on the operation and integrity of the Library Board. Councilman David Horn asked if the City had the ability to appoint representatives to certain boards. City Manager Tim Gleason stated appointments are entirely with Council approval. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated that for many years we have had staff members serve on various boards because they offer an area of expertise and sometimes an easier path for boards to make things happen.

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

Item E., 2018-11 Ordinance Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters, was presented. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman David Horn asked to what extent could they use the CIEDA bonds to finance parts of their Neighborhood Revitalization efforts. Economic & Community Development Director Raymond Lai stated that there was some bonding capacity that could be made available through CIEDA.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Councilman Bill Faber thanked the City Manager and Police Chief Getz for putting on the police statistics the violations for distracted driving.

Councilman David Horn inquired about the Fire Department's report indicating there had been a 58% increase in lift assist calls compared to this time last year. City Manager Tim Gleason shared that Fire Chief Abbott is looking at the component of some of the lift assist calls that the Fire Department does respond to. Councilman David Horn asked if it was complimentary in terms of the Fire Department assisting with lift assist. City Manager Tim Gleason stated no; he explained that the Fire Department does everything and loads the patient into the ambulance where it is required. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated the Fire Department is not reimbursed for those services; the private ambulance service receives the funding for lift assist calls. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated he would be in favor of looking at charging for those Fire services. City Manager Tim Gleason stated there would be a Study Session in the future and that would be one of the topics. Councilwoman Dana Ray asked if some of the nursing homes don't have Hoyer lifts in place and that is why they are utilizing the Fire Department for that service. Deputy Fire Chief Pruitt explained that certain facilities have instructed their employees not to lift a person so they don't incur any type of workman's compensation injuries. Councilwoman Dana Ray shared if they had a Hoyer lift on site they could utilize that to decrease the harm to their own staff and the liability. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked if Fire Chief Abbott could bring some recommendations to the Study Session in June that Council could adopt or contractual agreements Council could look at. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if they would be inviting business owners to the Study Session. City Manager Tim Gleason stated they could. They had planned on presenting some of the Fire Department challenges and would be looking for direction from Council. Councilwoman Dana Ray asked if lift assist calls could be divided out as to how many happen in residential homes and in nursing homes.

Councilman Charles Kuhle suggested looking at a gradual increases to gaming license fees based on income.

Councilman Pat McDaniel asked vehicle drivers to be extremely careful at intersections because more vehicle drivers seem to be proceeding to go through red lights after they stop.

Councilman David Horn asked when the projected completion date of the Long Term Water Sustainability Plan is. Public Works Director Matt Newell stated the City is currently putting out a Request for Proposals for engineers to assist the City in a sustainability plan. We project maybe this time next year.

Councilman Bill Faber asked about the timing of the light at Eldorado and Franklin. The timing of the light is such that there is no all red in all directions. It should be evaluated by the City or the State.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Study Session for the Minority Business Enterprise Discussion. Councilman Pat McDaniel motioned to Recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

City Manager Tim Gleason provided a Power Point presentation regarding the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Ordinance. Public Works Director Matt Newell presented an overview of the City Projects and the results of the Minority Business Enterprise hiring. Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus presented information regarding IDOT's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program. City Manager Tim Gleason and Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus gave some possibilities for reaching MBE goals. Council members shared their comments and suggestions for the MBE program. Wole Adeoye, Darrell Reynolds, Ingrid Smith, Tony Wilkins, Jeremy Hiser, Courtney Carson, Michael Goodwin, John Phillips and Pat West shared their comments, suggestions and potential MBE programs with Council. City Manager Tim Gleason stated he would explore what the opportunities are and there would be follow-up questions. There will be another MBE Study Session in June.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved May 7, 2018
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk