

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 1, 2019

On Monday, April 1, 2019, 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 Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Chuck Kuhle were present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

Mayoral candidate Jacob Jenkins believes that there is a lack of transparency regarding the use of city funds.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the March 18, 2019 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, Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber abstained from the vote. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

With there being no Unfinished Business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Lt. John Butts with the Macon County Sheriff's Department read a proclamation designating April as "National Donate Life Month".

R2019-41 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Municipal Emergency Services for the Purchase of Forty (40) Scott Breathing Air Cylinders, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

2019-12 Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-6 Multiple Dwelling District to M-1 Intense Commercial - Light Industrial District 837-877 West King Street, was presented.

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

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

R2019-42 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Restoration of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2019-08, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

R2019-43 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Master Contract, Participating Addendum to the Master Contract Between the Commonwealth of Virginia and Gillig, LLC with Additional Clauses Required by the State of Illinois Permitting the City of Decatur to Purchase Low Floor Transit Buses Not to Exceed \$424,000 Per Bus, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

2019-13 Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of Certain Properties of Macon County Trustee for Public Purpose, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

A discussion was held on how the Macon County Trustee lots will be managed.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland discussed land banking and how it often involves a not for profit component or an entity that is motivated in the revitalization of the community.

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

Motion Selecting a Library Parking Lot Design and Authorizing Preparation of Engineering Design and Construction Documents was presented.

Library parking lot design options were discussed by Council. Councilman McDaniel preferred a modified design option 4 while the remainder of the Council agreed on design option 3.2.

Alan Dusterhaus commented that he would like to see the city collaborate with other governmental entities to save money. Mr. Dusterhaus expressed that aesthetics are very important and there is an opportunity to have both green space and overflow parking.

Councilman Chuck Kuhle made a motion to approve design option 3.2 with the removal of the loading dock and with the request that Massie Massie and Associates provide two design options regarding the east/west sidewalks, one design with east/west sidewalks and one design with the removal of the east/west sidewalks, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

R2019-44 Resolution Approving an Agreement with Massie Massie and Associates for Professional Services for the Decatur Public Library Parking Lot Improvement Project, City Project 2019-05, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through J and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Council did not request to have any items removed. The Clerk read Items A through J:

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Item B. R2019-45 Resolution Approving Reappointment - Traffic and Parking Commission

Item C. 2019-14 Ordinance Granting Permanent Easement to Ameren Illinois Company for the Installation of a Gas Pipeline

Item D. 2019-15 Ordinance Granting Permanent Easement to Ameren Illinois Company for the Installation of a Gas Regulator Station

Item E. R2019-46 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract New Beginning Contractors, Inc.

Item F. R2019-47 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract T.O.M. Lawncare

Item G. R2019-48 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract Jandi Services

Item H. R2019-49 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract Nature's Way Lawn Services

Item I. R2019-50 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract Azuish Enterprise LLC

Item J. R2019-51 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract Brad Franzen

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A through J be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle 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 voiced his frustration with a Mayoral candidate talking negatively about City Council members and City staff during Appearance of Citizens and then exiting abruptly.

Councilman Chuck Kuhle commented that he believes City Council is transparent and has no reason to believe otherwise.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory, and on call of the roll, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle 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 7:00 p.m.

Approved April 15, 2019
Kim Althoff
City Clerk