

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 16, 2015

On Monday, March 16, 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 T. McElroy presided; together with him being Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe and Dana M. Ray. Seven members were present. Mayor McElroy declared a quorum present.

Interim City Manager, Gregg Zientara, attended the meeting as well.

Mayor McElroy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the meeting of March 2, 2015, were presented. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. 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. There were no Proclamations or Mayor's Recognitions. Sue Lawson, President of Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations, provided the following upcoming events:

3/24/2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Madden Room at the Decatur Public Library - Meet & Greet Candidates running for Richland Community College, Decatur Park District and the School Board, the public is invited;

3/27/2015 @ 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Park City is holding a Bazaar in their Community Building; 3/28/2015 at 8:00 – Noon, the public is invited;

3/28/2015 @ 1:00 p.m. Galloway Park Neighborhood Organization will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the park and the public is invited;

4/4/2015 @ 2:00 p.m. Park City will hold an Easter Egg Hunt, the public is invited;

4/4/2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. the City of Praise Church, First Christian Church, GM Square and OKO neighborhood organizations will hold an Easter Egg hunt, the public is invited; and

4/11/2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. the U of I Extension Office will hold a "Make, Explore, Share" event, the public is invited. Ms. Lawson provided written material to Council members relating to the event;

4/28/2015 at 5:30 p.m. CONO will hold their monthly meeting in the Staley Room at the Decatur Public Library. Keyria Rodgers of Teen Court will be the speaker.

CONO has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from PNC Bank to be used for the Inside Out Program and has received a grant from Trees Forever in the amount of \$1,000.00 to do four (4) projects within the community.

R2015-23 Resolution Authorizing Subrecipient Agreement with the Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations (CONO) was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W.

Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

Sherry Procrione inquired why the City would not use the \$9,000 for repairing roads.

2015-08 Ordinance Rezoning Property M-2 Heavy Industrial District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District 550 North Van Dyke Street, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2015-09 Ordinance Rezoning Property R-3 Single Family Residence District to M-1 Intense Commercial/Light Industrial District 575 North Brush College Road, was presented.

Councilman Dana M. Ray moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-24 Resolution to Amend the Intergovernmental Agreement for Mahomet Aquifer was presented.

Keith Alexander, Director of Water Management, provided an overview of this item. Sherry Procrione addressed Council and asked why the Council would consider expensive litigation when there are other needs to be addressed by government. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson suggested the amount of money the City is paying should be on a sliding scale. This water is the primary source of water for some communities, but not Decatur. Interim City Manager, Gregg Zientara, addressed Councilman Jerry J. Dawson's concerns. Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe agreed with Councilman Jerry J. Dawson and also commented that the City is bearing the burden when it does not have full benefit. Mayor McElroy advised he is on one of the committees for the aquifer. He stated he plans to support this item and stated it is bad if the aquifer get polluted. Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler said if the aquifer gets polluted it would be devastating to those communities which depend on the aquifer as their sole source of water. Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler stated he plans to support this item. Councilman Dana M. Ray asked if other communities involved had issues with the portion of funding. Mayor McElroy advised the subject of payment portions was not brought up during any meeting he attended. She stated she will support this item. Councilman McDaniel asked for a compromise and the City step in if there is an appeal.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson voted nay. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-25 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Bus Passenger Shelters, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-26 Resolution Authorizing the City to Acquire a Pierce Impel Pumper Apparatus, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-27 Resolution Approving a License Agreement with Human Capital Development, LLC for ePrismSoft, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2015-28 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Bainbridge, Gee, Milanski and Associates, Inc. to Design the McKinley / 7th Ward Sewer Rehabilitation, City Project 2015-07, was presented.

Councilman Dana M. Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2015-10 Ordinance Appropriating Monies for the City of Decatur for Fiscal Year 2015, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2015-11 Ordinance Authorizing Agreement and Appointing City Manager, was presented.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

Councilman Larry W. Foster commented that Tim Gleason was by far the best choice of all the candidates and was very well prepared for the interview. Mr. Foster specifically commented on Mr. Gleason's leadership ability, his community involvement, his background and qualities will enhance and be an asset to our community.

Mayor Michael T. McElroy called for Consent Calendar Items A through H and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Items A through H were approved by Omnibus Vote.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved that Consent Calendar Items A through H be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions;

Receiving and Filing Official Zoning Map;

R2015-29 Resolution Authorizing the Filing of Application and Execution of Grant with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Transportation Assistance – Fiscal Year 2015;

R2015-30 Resolution Approving and Determining the Need for Confidentiality of Minutes of Closed Meetings;

R2015-31 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures;

R2015-32 Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Rights-of-Way – Community Event;

R2015-33 Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Rights-of-Way – Community Event; and

R2015-34 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Maintenance Agreement for Cisco Smartnet Maintenance Services – Netech Corporation

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

William L. Hawks, Jr. provided Council with a letter from the State of Illinois regarding the fine for illegal parking in handicapped spaces and urged Council to increase said fine from \$250.00 to \$350.00 per citation. Mr. Hawks stated the improper behavior of those who park illegally in handicapped spaces is out of hand and abused. He concluded the additional revenue would be of help to cover the costs of repairing city roads and sewers; John Phillips thanked Gregg Zientara for his time as Interim City Manager; Larry Nave requested a study session regarding administrative court as well as landlords being held responsible for a tenant's water bill; Curt Jackson concurred with Larry Nave a study session is needed regarding administrative court; Russell Schulke thanked Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler for serving on the City Council; Sherry Procrione reiterated the need for an administrative court study session and provided Council with suggestions regarding the gas tax and accountability of citizens; and Jack Wilkerson voiced his support for an administrative court study session providing specific details of his personal circumstances.

This being the time for Other Business the Mayor thanked Gregg Zientara for his time as Interim City Manager and announced a Welcome Reception for Tim Gleason, the new City Manager. The Welcome Reception will be held from 5:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at the Decatur Civic Center on the second floor.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved to recess to study session for the Treasurer's Financial Report; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Interim City Manager and Finance Department Director Gregg Zientara presented an overview of the Treasurer's Report stating there is not much to report as it is early in the year.

There being no further business, Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray, and on call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:11p.m.

Approved April 6, 2015
Linda M. Swartz
City Clerk