

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 15, 2021

On Monday, March 15, 2021, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and David Horn. Council members Rodney Walker and Bill Faber were absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Len Walston, Otto Klemm, Pat Hazelrigg, Mark Birch and Matt Beck.

Councilman Kuhle requested to remove Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 4187 East Faries Parkway from the Consent Calendar.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the March 1, 2021 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a Public Hearing open at 5:53 p.m. for Quick Take Authority on the following properties: 4147 East Faries Parkway, 4000 East Logan Street, 3941 East Faries Parkway, and 1880 North Brush College Road.

City Manager Scot Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Quick Take Authority process.

Mr. Len Walston voiced his opposition over the Quick Take Authority process and Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 4187 East Faries Parkway listed under the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Tim Jones spoke against the Quick Take Authority process.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Moore Wolfe pulled Item #4. Ordinance Amending City Code – Chapter 7 – Officers and Employee from the City Council agenda.

City Manager Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara answered questions from Council regarding the Transit budget.

R2021-35 Resolution Authorizing Payment Processing Service Agreement with FirstTech, Inc., a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Busey Bank, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara gave an overview of the proposed Resolution.

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

2021-13 Ordinance Approving the Transfer of Volume Cap in Connection with Private Activity Bond Issues, and Related Matters, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Planning and Development Manager Greg Crowe gave an overview of the proposed Ordinance and answered questions from Council about the program being utilized for neighborhood revitalization initiatives.

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

2021-14 Ordinance Rezoning Property from R-1 Single Family Residence District to AG Agriculture District at 4075 N Greenswitch Rd, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Planning and Development Manager Greg Crowe gave an overview of the following two items as they related to the same property.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2021-15 Ordinance Allowing a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the AG Agriculture District to allow for a Horse Stable with a Riding Arena at 4075 N Greenswitch Rd, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

R2021-36 Resolution Authorizing Amendment #2 to the Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Design Services for the Improvement of Brush College Road over Faries Parkway and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Tracks, City Project 2009-33, Section 09-00933-01-BR, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Resolution.

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

R2021-37 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Street Maintenance by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Public Works Director Matt Newell gave an overview of the following three items as they related to the same project and answered questions from Council regarding the street selection process.

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

R2021-38 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Restoration of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2021-11, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Resolution.

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

R2021-39 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Restoration of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2021-08, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Resolution.

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

R2021-40 Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement Between the City of Decatur and Flock Safety for the Deployment of 60 LPR Cameras in the City Neighborhoods and Adjacent

Thoroughfares, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Resolution.

Council voiced concerns over the lack of a bidding process.

IT Director Jim Edwards and Police Chief Jim Getz explained why a bidding process did not take place.

Dan Murdock, Sales Manager for Flock Safety, gave a brief overview of Flock Safety.

Mr. Matt Beck, owner of Beck Tech, urged Council and staff to put the project out for bid and explained that his company could meet the specifications.

Councilman Kuhle made a motion to table the item, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

After further discussion was held by Council regarding the unfairness of a bidding process because Flock's bid was already known, Council members Chuck Kuhle and Lisa Gregory withdrew their motions to table the item.

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

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A. through E., except for B., which was removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilman Kuhle. The Clerk read items A. and C. through E.:

Item A. R2021-41 Resolution Receiving and Filing the 2020 Official Zoning Map

Item C. R2021-42 Resolution Authorizing Crop Share Lease with Steve Bell for Exterior of the Oakley Sediment Basin

Item D. R2021-43 Resolution Authorizing Cash Farm Lease with Craig Hill for DeWitt County Water Wellfield

Item E. R2021-44 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal Share of Annual Transit Operating Funds

Councilman McDaniel moved Items A. and C. through E. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2021-16 Ordinance Annexing Territory 4187 East Faries Parkway, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

City Manager Wrighton announced that an update will be given on the John's Hill Project at the Gateway Community Center on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 2-6 pm. The public is welcome.

Councilman McDaniel moved the City Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Horn and upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Approved April 5, 2021
Kim Althoff
City Clerk