

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 7, 2022

On Monday, March 7, 2022, 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 Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Dennis Cooper. Councilman Bill Faber was 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: Daniel Ray Pickrel, Kevin Dukeman, Abeer Motan, Diana Binkley and Justin Watts.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the February 22, 2022, City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

R2022-37 Resolution Authorizing Application Submittal and Execution of, the Illinois Rebuild II Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant Under the IDOT's General Authority to Make Such Grants, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Deputy City Manager Jon Kindseth answered questions from Council members regarding alternative fuel options for city buses.

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

R2022-38 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Agreement-Angle Court, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning a species inventory and shoreline protection provisions.

Mr. Tim Vieweg spoke in support of the proposed Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Horn abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022- 39 Resolution Accepting the Sourcewell Bid Price from Altorfer for the Purchase of Two (2) Caterpillar 926 M Wheel Loaders, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

R2022-40 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Paul Tree Farms LLC to Provide and Plant Trees for the City of Decatur, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

Motion Adopting City Council Policy Tree Planting Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Motion do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Motion.

Council members discussed tree planting procedures and requirements.

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

R2022-41 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Insituform Technologies USA, LLC for 2022 Trenchless Long Lining Repairs Project, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Public Works Director Matt Newell gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2022-42 Resolution Accepting the Automotive Equipment Sales and Service Quote Price for the Replacement of Fleet Maintenance Garage Bay #16 Heavy Truck In Ground Lift, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Public Works Director Matt Newell gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

2022-07 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 - Alcoholic Liquor, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Council members discussed safety of employees at liquor establishments and the connection between drive-thru liquor sales and late-night street parties.

Deputy Police Chief Allen shared statistics on the illegal transportation of alcohol and DUI citations.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Cooper voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through D. and asked if any Council wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn wished to remove Item C. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A., B. and D.:

Item A. 2022-08 Ordinance Annexing City Owned Property 4219 North Neeley Avenue
Item B. R2022-43 Resolution Authorizing Signatory Authority Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Appointment of Authorized Agent
Item D. R2022-45 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with GreenTrac LLC for the Demolition of the Vacant Buildings at 821-825 N. Water Street

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A., B. and D. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-44 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Parkland Environmental Group for the Demolition of the Vacant Building at 438 W North St. was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton answered questions from Council members regarding costs associated with demolitions.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland answered questions from Council members concerning recouping costs of demolitions from owners of derelict properties.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper 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.

Council members discussed the idea of temporarily halting the 5-cent local motor fuel tax and explored other options due to surging costs in gas prices.

With no other discussion, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Approved March 21, 2022
Kim Althoff
City Clerk