

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 7, 2016

On Monday, March 7, 2016, 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 Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, and Lisa Gregory. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Six members present; one member absent. 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.

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

Russell Shulke applauded the Council for approving the Motor Fuel Tax.

Dawn Forrest had complaints about the cars parked on W. Cerro Gordo Street where it is posted No Parking and loud music coming from vehicles parked at the Hot Spot on Eldorado Street. Ms. Forrest also requested the City flush the fire hydrants and install handicap accessible sidewalk ramps in her neighborhood.

James Taylor requested that someone be in charge of the housing units along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive because the renters are not taking care of their property.

Donna Cararra inquired as to how the City would administer the Motor Fuel Tax.

The minutes of February 16, 2016 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory 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.

There were no Proclamations and Recognitions.

2016-10 An Ordinance Appropriating Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses of Several Departments and Funds of the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2016 and Ending December 31, 2016, Including All Outstanding Claims and Obligations, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Take Effect, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-20 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Contract for Property Located in the 400-500 Blocks of East King Street, the 400-500 blocks of East Central Avenue and the 800 Block of North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in the Wabash Crossing Redevelopment Area, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus explained the proposed project is an exciting next step in the creation of a social service campus in the Wabash Crossing area. As part of the Northeast Community Fund project they would construct a food pantry, household assistance program, clothing and prescription assistance and other great programs Northeast provides.

Director of Northeast Community Fund Jerry Pelz thanked the Council for considering the proposal. The proposal will give Northeast an opportunity to expand.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-21 Resolution Amending Lease Agreement – Decatur Public Building Commission, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Manager Tim Gleason explained to Council the lease agreement is for the City's Communication Center located in the Macon County Law Enforcement Building. The annual lease amount of \$32,718 is a 3% increase from last year and improvements have been made to the Communication Center. Councilman Funk inquired about when were the improvements made and the term of the lease. City Manager Tim Gleason said the improvements to the space had been made in the last year and the area had been expanded, a break area had been added, and some new furniture was purchased. Finance Director Gregg Zientara said the square footage is less than 3,000 square feet. This was historically a three year lease when the Police Department was located at the Law Enforcement Center. When the Police moved to South Side Drive the lease was prorated. The lease says it will be renewed on an annual basis.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe announced Item No. 5, Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Street Maintenance by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code had been pulled from the Agenda.

R2016-22 Resolution Authorizing Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois for the Improvement of Mound Road Bridge Over Spring Creek East, City Project 2013-25, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-23 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds to pay the City's Portion of Construction Costs to Improve the Mound Road Bridge Over Spring Creek East by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2013-25, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Jerry Dawson asked if a County highway becomes City property, does the City incur the expense and maintenance of the road. City Manager Tim Gleason said that would be correct at the point Council would approve the acquisition, unless there are some sort of conditions.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-11 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 1563 Allison Drive, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

City Manager Tim Gleason explained to Council Item 8 and Item 9 are existing water service agreements where the annexations are voluntary. Councilman Chris Funk asked if someone could explain why the annexations are carved up parcel by parcel.

City Manager Tim Gleason said annexations had been identified by Council as a priority. Public Works Director Rick Marley said annexations are patch worked because people over the years decided to acquire City water and many years ago these annexations were placed on hold by City Council. In the last two or three years there had been an interest to pursue the annexations and the City has done so. The annexations are very time consuming and difficult to accomplish because of the number of steps involved to determine current ownership of the property and acquire signatures on documents.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2016-12 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 2565 E. Mound Road, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory 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 D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A - D:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards
- B. 2016-13 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 34, Section 32 - Traffic
- C. R2016-24 Resolution Accepting Bid of SCBAS, Inc., for Breathing Air Compressor, Fill Station and Cylinders, City Project 2016-02
- D. R2016-25 FY 2016 Resolution Authorizing Sub Recipient Agreement with the Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations (CONO)

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved Items A through D be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Other Business, Councilman Pat McDaniel requested the City put a reminder in the Water newsletter regarding the Traffic & Parking Code. Councilman McDaniel thought it would be helpful in cleaning up the City's parking issues.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat

McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council went into Closed Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Approved March 21, 2016
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk