

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 2015

On Monday, March 2, 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, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe and Dana M. Ray. Councilman Larry W. Foster was absent. Six 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 February 17, 2015, were presented. Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, 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 Recognitions.

R2015-17 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchasing Order Furnishing Ammunition, was presented.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, 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.

R2015-18 Resolution Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services, DCC Marketing LLC, for Website Redesign, 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, 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.

R2015-19 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Approving the Authorization of a Contract for Transfer House Structural Repairs, City Project 2013-27, was presented.

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, 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.

2015-06 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 41, Miscellaneous Street Regulations, 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, 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.

2015-07 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 28, Unlawful Discrimination, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, 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.

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

Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler moved that Consent Calendar Items A through D be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, 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,
R2015-20 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Lease – Dispatch Center,
R2015-21 Resolution Authorizing Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information Between the City of Decatur and the State of Illinois Department of Revenue Regarding Sales Tax Information, and

R2015-22 Resolution Authorizing Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information between the City of Decatur and the State of Illinois Department of Revenue Regarding Telecommunications Tax Information.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, the following appeared: Chris Hahn, Jacob Jenkins, Keith Taleferro, and Sylvia Walker appeared with remarks regarding the passage of the Amendment to City Code Chapter 28; Don Carmichael urged Council to change the City Code to allow grass and weeds to grow to help with the eco-system; Larry Nave, Patricia Gillam, Curt Jackson, Allen Williams and Jack Wilkerson, expressed concerns relating to the City's Administrative Court process and requested the ordinance be reviewed; Patricia Gillam, Curt Jackson and Steve Hafert also expressed concern that the responsibility of unpaid tenant water bills are placed on landlords; Holly Mowry, former downtown small business owner, explained she had to close her business because those who applied for employment with her were not conscientious and did not possess work ethics; Sherry Procrione suggested there be a direct link to charity organizations and churches that would be interested and able to help the elderly abate problems with regard to their houses; and Bruce Washburn inquired where electronics such as televisions can since BHL closed.

Mayor McElroy called for other business at which time Gregg Zientara provided Council and media with a copy of the newsletter that will be enclosed in the water bills and advised the insurance item that was previously tabled would be coming back to Council in short order.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved to recess to study session for review of Neighborhood Improvement Fund Recommendations and discussion of a Local Option Motor Fuel Tax; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe and on the call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Gregg Zientara, interim city manager, advised Council the money in the Neighborhood Improvement Fund could be used for cleaning up of the City. Dumpsters could be located in several areas of the City and citizens could dump their unwanted

items at any of the locations. The Civic Center may be a site where unwanted electronics could be left. In addition, Gregg Zientara explained murals could be painted at various locations. Discussion was had regarding the involvement of the garbage haulers. Mayor McElroy inquired of John Phillips the cost of unwanted tires being taken to gas stations and John Phillips explained there is a \$3.00 per tire charge. Sherry Procrione was against paying artists to paint murals and Gregg Zientara explained the City's cost would be for the paint and brushes.

Gregg Zientara provided an overview and update regarding the local option motor fuel tax stating it would cost the City \$21 million to bring all roads up to good condition and that imposing motor fuel tax would be a starting point to repair the roads. Discussion was had and it was determined this issue would be brought back to Council.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved to recess to closed executive session for the purpose of a discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Council went into closed executive session at 7:34 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved March 16, 2015
Linda M. Swartz
City Clerk