

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 1, 2021

On Monday, March 1st, 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, Rodney Walker, and David Horn. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory participated through electronic attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe that an in-person meeting of all members of the City Council is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.

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

The minutes of the February 17th, 2021 Special 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, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

R2021-24 Resolution Accepting the Bids and Authorizing the Execution of Purchase Orders for Furnishing Ammunition to the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Police Chief Jim Getz answered questions from Council regarding ammunition costs.

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

R2021-25 Resolution Approving Change Order Number 1 with CDM Smith for Professional Engineering Services for the Water Utility Long-Term Sustainability Plan City

Project 2018-34, 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 Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2021-26 Resolution to Appropriate State Motor Fuel Tax Funds to Pay the City's Portion for the Improvement of U.S. 51 from its Intersection with Pershing Road (IL 121) North to its Intersection with Interstate 72 by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code City Project 2021-06 Section No. 21-00106-00-TL, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the following three agenda items as they related to the same project.

Public Works Director Matt Newell answered questions from Council concerning traffic flow during the construction project.

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

2021-12 Ordinance Regulating Encroachment on Public Right-of-Way in the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois U.S. 51 from its Intersection with Pershing Road (IL 121) North to its Intersection with Interstate 72 in Decatur, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

R2021-27 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the State of Illinois for Improvements to U.S. 51 from its Intersection with Pershing Road (IL 121) North to its Intersection with Interstate 72 City Project 2021-06, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

R2021-28 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Dunn Company, A Division of Tyrolt, Inc. for 2021 Local Motor Fuel Tax Street Improvement Project, City Project 2021-25, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the proposed Resolution.

Public Works Director Matt Newell explained the street selection process for the improvements.

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

R2021-29 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sharing of Certain Costs Related to the Pavement Improvement of Nelson Boulevard in Decatur, Illinois, Between the City of Decatur, Illinois and the Decatur Park District, 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 Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2021-30 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property Owned by Archer Daniels Midland Company 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 Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory, David Horn 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 D. and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through D.:

R2021-31 Item A. Resolution Approving Appointment - Decatur Housing Authority
R2021-32 Item B. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Decatur Housing Authority
R2021-33 Item C. Resolution Approving Appointments - Human Relations Commission

R2021-34 Item D. Resolution Designating Representative of the City of Decatur, Illinois for Negotiating Terms and Conditions of a "Defederalization" Agreement Between the City of Decatur and the U.S. Economic Development Administration

Councilman McDaniel moved Items A. through D. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Lisa Gregory 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 voiced their support of the Decatur Police Department considering the increase in crime throughout the community.

City Manager Wrighton answered questions from a couple of Council members regarding steps that would be necessary to revisit allowing cannabis related businesses in Decatur.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Approved March 15, 2021
Kim Althoff
City Clerk