

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2023

On Monday, February 6, 2023, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Dana Ray, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Mayor Moore Wolfe pulled the following two Council items from the Council agenda: Resolution Authorizing a City-State Agreement with Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the T/CCI Manufacturing Project and Resolution Accepting the Bid of VCNA Prairie LLC for the Purchase of Portland Cement Concrete.

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: Robert Smith, Abeer Motan and Jeremy Ruderman.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the January 9, 2023 City Council Study Session were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Dana Ray abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the January 17, 2023 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 Dana Ray, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-11 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute Contract Extension with First Mid Insurance Group DBA JL Hubbard Insurance and Bonds Agency for Employee Benefit Broker and Advisory Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-12 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Proposal from Crossing Healthcare and Heritage Behavioral Health Center for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding fund disbursements.

Council members David Horn and Dana Ray recused themselves from the discussion.

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

R2023-13 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Decatur and Decatur Public School District #61 Regarding High School Student Use and Transit Fares, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mass Transit Administrator Lacie Elzy gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding Transit ridership numbers.

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

R2023-14 Resolution Authorizing a Change in Bus Fares for Decatur Public School District #61 High School Students, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

R2023-15 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Professional Services Related to Solar Development with CQI Associates, LLC and the City of Decatur, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Deputy City Manager Jon Kindseth gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding costs savings and incentives.

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

R2023-16 Resolution Accepting Bid from Flooring Oasis Incorporated for Providing and Installing New Carpet on the First Floor of the Decatur Public Library, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-17 Resolution Accepting Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority Home Repair and Accessibility Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Cordaryl “Pat” Patrick, Economic and Community Development Director spoke about the program and answered questions from Council members concerning the amount of money available versus the number of applicants and providing status updates to applicants.

Councilman Kuhle exited the Council Chamber at 6:07 p.m.

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

R2023-18 Resolution Authorizing Agreement between City of Decatur, Illinois and Central Illinois Land Bank Authority Regarding Housing Assistance Programs, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Councilman Kuhle returned to the Council Chamber at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Cordaryl “Pat” Patrick, Economic and Community Development Director gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members concerning administrative costs.

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

R2023-19 Resolution Authorizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds and HOME Investment Partnership Funds for the Redevelopment of Garfield School, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Cordaryl “Pat” Patrick, Economic and Community Development Director spoke about apartment costs, sources of funding, demand and eligibility requirements for applicants.

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

R2023-20 Resolution Approving Uses of Unallocated CDBG-CV Funds, 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 Dana Ray, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-21 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the City of Decatur, Macon County, and Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center to Share Costs Related to Computer-Aided Dispatch Software, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Interim Police Chief Brad Allen gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-22 Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Agreement - Lisa Bonnett, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 66 Regulation of Lake Decatur, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton introduced Jennifer Gunter, Watershed and Lake Manager.

Ms. Gunter, Watershed and Lake Manager, gave an overview of the Ordinance and explained the reason for separating Lake Decatur Regulations into three separate chapters.

Ms. Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel clarified how violations concerning shoreline erosion could be enforced.

Council members held a discussion concerning fees, reorganization of the codes and public input.

Councilwoman Gregory made a motion to table Ordinances Amending City Code Chapters 66, 66.1 and 66.2 Regulation of Lake Decatur, Regulation of Lake Decatur Boating and Regulation of Lake Decatur Docks until additional information is provided by city staff at the next City Council meeting; seconded by Councilman Culp.

Council members continued their discussion on allowing additional time for citizen feedback concerning the language changes in the Ordinances.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A., B., C., E., F. and G. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. No Council member requested to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A., B., C., E., F. and G.:

Item A. R2023-23 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Dunn Company for the Purchase of Bituminous Pavement Materials

Item B. R2023-24 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Beelman Logistics LLC for the Purchase of Crushed Stone Aggregate

Item C. R2023-25 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Metal Culverts, Inc. for the Purchase of Corrugated Steel Pipe

Item E. R2023-26 Resolution Approving the Transfer of 1421 East Orchard Street, Decatur, Illinois from Woodford Homes, Inc. to Old King's Orchard Community Center

Item F. 2023-06 Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2023-04 Annexing Territory Danceland Addition

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A., B., C., E., F. and G. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Dana Ray, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, 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.

Deputy City Manager Kindseth answered questions from Council members concerning Transit ridership numbers on Sundays.

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 Dana Ray, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, 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 7:04 p.m.

Approved February 21, 2023
Kim Althoff
City Clerk