

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 2, 2015

On Monday, February 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, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe and Dana M. Ray. Seven 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 January 20, 2015, were presented. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, 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. Patrick Hoban provided an Economic Update.

R2015-09 Resolution Authorizing Motorola System Service Upgrade Agreement, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, 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.

R2015-10 Resolution Approving the Expenditure of City Funds to Purchase Traffic Counters, 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, Larry W. Foster, 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.

R2015-11 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with URS Corporation for Preparation of the Midwest Inland Port Transportation Plan and Capital Improvements Plan, was presented.

Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, 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.

Resolution Accepting Proposal from Gallagher Benefit Services for Professional Brokerage and Employee Benefit Consulting Services, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. Councilman Larry W. Foster moved to table the Resolution to further order for a Study Session to review the Resolution and the proposal; seconded by Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, 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.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, Jack Wilkerson appeared regarding a water bill he received as a landlord. Sherry Procrione appeared and spoke about the city gas tax, other taxes and various revenues.

Mayor McElroy called for other business and there being none, Councilman Larry W. Foster moved to recess to study session for discussion of Advanced Life Support and Ambulance Service to be provided by the City of Decatur Fire Department and the Local Option Motor Fuel Tax; seconded by Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler and on the call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chief Jeff Abbott of the Decatur Fire Department provided the Council with a Power Point presentation regarding Advanced Life Support and Ambulance Service. The Interim City Manager advised he spoke with Carol Dodson, Chief Nursing Officer for St. Mary's Hospital and was informed St. Mary's Hospital is in support of the Decatur Fire Department operating one Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. Tim Stone, Chief Financial Officer for Decatur Memorial Hospital addressed Council expressing Decatur Memorial Hospital's support of the Decatur Fire Department operating one Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. He stated Decatur Ambulance Service does a fine job nonetheless there is a need in our community and Decatur Memorial Hospital is in support of the Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. David Burkham, owner of the Decatur Ambulance Service, Edward Kemnitz, Director of Operations of Decatur Ambulance Service, Eric Yutzy, a Paramedic and Field Supervisor, employed by the Decatur Ambulance Service, and David Kraus, Vice President of Finance for Decatur Ambulance Service, addressed Council each providing the history, information regarding the company's operation, training of employees, procedures and scheduling of ambulances and personnel. Burkham, Kemnitz, Yutzy and Kraus opposed the Decatur Fire Department operating one Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. Russell Shulke addressed Council expressing the Decatur Fire Department and Decatur Ambulance Service should work together. Sherry Procrione commented she supports both the Decatur Fire Department and the Decatur Ambulance Service, however, government should not step out of its proper role and she is opposed to the Decatur Fire Department operating an Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service. Dan Calhoun addressed Council also in opposition to the Decatur Fire Department operating an Advanced Life Support Ambulance Service.

Interim City Manager Zientara provided an overview of the Local Option Motor Fuel Tax. Richard Marley, Director of Public Works, provided an update with a chart on the conditions of the streets and repair of the same. Mayor McElroy left the Council Chambers at 7:52 p.m.; he returned to the Council Chambers at 7:55 p.m. Discussion was had regarding revenue sources and options to repair the streets. Interim City Manager advised Council at this time staff is not making any recommendation however staff could come back to Council within four (4) weeks with a recommendation for Council to consider. John Phillips, citizen of Decatur, provided Council with a history of gasoline in Decatur, specifically taxes and fees associated with gasoline.

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 Jerry J. Dawson and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, 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 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Patrick S. Laegeler, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Approved February 17, 2015
Linda M. Swartz
City Clerk