

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 1, 2016

On Monday, February 1, 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 Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Bill Faber. Seven members present. 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:

Ora Jelks, a longtime resident of Decatur, introduced herself to Council.

Russell Shulke read a statement regarding prior Council actions.

Don Carmichael asked Council to consider an Ordinance that will allow citizens to let their grass grow without being mowed and without chemical application treatments to help our environment.

Jim Calhoun expressed his concerns about the proposed Local Motor Fuel Tax.

The minutes of January 19, 2016 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, and Bill Faber 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.

This being the time set aside for Proclamations and Recognitions, a Proclamation was read by Richland Community College Board Chairman Bruce Campbell recognizing Dr. Gayle Saunders accomplishments over the last 15 years at Richland Community College.

R2016-06 Resolution Approving Expenditure Mixer Gear Box Emergency Repair at the South Water Treatment Plant, was presented.

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

Water Management Director Keith Alexander explained the necessity to recommend to the City Manager the need for an emergency repair.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Chris Funk abstained. Six ayes; one abstention. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-07 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Service Agreement for the Supply of Electricity for Residential and Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt out of Such a Program (Electric Aggregation), was presented.

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

Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus gave a brief description of the Electric Aggregation program. Good Energy Representative Tom Leigh spoke about the successes of electric aggregation services and responded to Council's questions regarding electrical rates.

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

R2016-08 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. for Professional Energy Consulting Services and Procurement in Relation to a Program for the Aggregation of Residential and Small Commercial Electric Accounts on an Opt-Out Basis, was presented.

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

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

R2016-09 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Agricultural Watershed Institute – Watershed Research and Education, was presented.

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

Steve John, Executive Director of the Agricultural Watershed Institute gave a presentation to Council on the Institute's work on developing biomass crops for Economic Development.

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

R2016-10 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Estimate Cummins Crosspoint for a Remanufactured Engine, was presented.

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

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber 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 B and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Councilman Bill Faber requested Item A be removed. The Clerk read Item B:

B. R2016-12 Resolution Accepting Bids for Ammunition – Police Department.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved that Consent Calendar Item B be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2016-11 Resolution Approving Appointment to the Library Board:

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Councilman Bill Faber asked the Mayor to postpone the recommendation in order for the Council to meet the nominee. Mayor Moore Wolfe appreciated Councilman Faber's point, however, she wanted to move forward with the nomination.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Six ayes; one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set for Other Business, Fire Chief Jeff Abbott and Fire Marshall Lyle Meador presented information about recent fires, active smoke detector programs, and the key box program.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for the purpose of discussing:

Goal Setting Review
Local Motor Fuel Tax
Treasurer's Financial Report

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. Upon call of the roll Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Jerry Dawson shared his Goal Setting ideas with Council. Mayor encouraged the Public to submit their comments to Council regarding Goal Setting.

City Manager Tim Gleason gave a recap of the proposed Local Motor Fuel Tax. Council discussed adding a Sunset provision, how the City would prioritize the road work to be done, and future roadway maintenance. Council discussed \$.05 for retail and \$.01 for diesel.

Comments from the citizens:

John Phillips appealed to Council to look for administrative efficiencies in the processes to file the Motor Fuel Tax.

Jim Calhoun asked Council to look for better technologies for fixing our roads.

Max Pressgrove expressed his concerns about the oversize vehicles using the roadways and the Motor Fuel Tax.

Donna Cararra thought the tax money should be used for materials to repair the roads.

Jay Billingsley expressed all the fuel needs to be taxed wholesale and retail. Mr. Billingsley shared his concerns about how much money the local retailers are going to lose to the County.

Council requested a historical report of the proposed Motor Fuel Tax for the next presentation.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara gave a financial report on fiscal year ending 2015.

There being no further business, Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved February 16, 2016
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk