

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, August 15, 2016

On Monday, August 15, 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 Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Lisa Gregory. 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:

Russell Shulke commented on former Police Chief Brad Sweeney's tenure.

DeAngelo Wheeler and James McFarland, representing ALTRU Delivery Service, and Karan Kang, representing Corner Gas Station, presented a proposal to Council to amend Class A and Class B liquor licenses under Chapter 52 – Alcoholic Liquor, Section 4, by adding language which allows for the delivery of alcoholic liquor to a purchaser's home.

MetroDecatur Black Chamber of Commerce Chairman Pat West read a statement regarding the recommendation for the approval of the Local Motor Fuel Tax improvement project to R. W. Dunteman. The Chamber believed the bid, given the requirements, is the best value for the City of Decatur residents. Pat West hoped Council would approve the recommendation of staff on this issue.

Willie Lee Jr., a small minority business owner, expressed his concerns about the bidding process to Council. He requested Council lower the standards for small minority businesses to proceed in contracts. Small minority businesses cannot compete with large contractors.

Matt Kates brought signed petitions to keep the downtown Decatur parks open past 10:00 p.m. Pokemon Go has brought a little community together downtown having fun.

Galen Arnold supported keeping the parks downtown open for shift workers who want to play Pokemon Go.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Proclamations and Recognitions:

City Manager Tim Gleason announced the promotion of Deputy Chief of Police Jim Getz to Police Chief effective Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for the December 31, 2015 Audit Presentation. Hope Wheeler with CliftonLarsonAllen gave a summary of the results of the audit findings and responded to Council members pension funding questions.

2016-58 Ordinance Providing for Issuance of Promissory Note Not to exceed \$7,500,000 for Resurfacing and Reconstructing Local Streets, Providing for Security and Payment of Said Note, Confirming Sale to Busey Bank, and Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Term Loan Agreement, was presented.

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

Councilman Chris Funk stated he would abstain from the vote because of financial matters in which his employer propose on or deal with competitors.

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

2016-59 Ordinance Providing for Issuance of Promissory Note Not to exceed \$2,200,000 for Renovating, Repairing and Maintaining City Fire Station 1, 2, 4, and 6, Providing for Security and Payment of Said Note, Confirming Sale to Busey Bank, and Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Term Loan Agreement, was presented.

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

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

R2016-99 Resolution Authorizing Amendment #1 to Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation with the State of Illinois for the Improvement of Mound Road Bridge over Spring Creek East, City Project 2013-25, was presented.

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

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

R2016-100 Resolution Authorizing U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fund Allocation for the Annual Action Plan FY 2016-17, was presented.

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

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

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 73 – Offenses, was presented.

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

Councilman Bill Faber thought Council should examine more flexible techniques to see if they work in the downtown parks rather than move out the homeless veterans. Councilman Bill Faber suggested more police presence downtown. City Manager Tim Gleason asked Public Works Director Rick Marley to come up to the podium and share photographs of the park with Council. Public Works Director Rick Marley presented photographs of the damage and vandalism in the downtown parks. Councilwoman Dana Ray stated the Salvation Army has a program to help homeless veterans get housing. Councilman Chris Funk suggested self-policing the parks. Councilman Pat McDaniel shared citizens had talked to him and there is violence that goes on downtown. Councilman Pat McDaniel was in favor of the ordinance and the police need an ordinance passed so they can take care of the issues. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory suggested they look at best practices that other Cities are using. Councilman Jerry Dawson said maybe Council should look at other social services that could help. He also thought the fine was too high, but he didn't have a problem with the ordinance. Councilman Chris Funk made a motion to table the item; seconded by Councilman Bill Faber.

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

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 29 – Administrative Adjudication of Offenses, was presented.

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

Councilman Chris Funk moved the motion be tabled; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A – C and asked if any Council member wished to have any items removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A - C:

A. 2016-60 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park Decatur Area Arts Council

B. R2016-101 Resolution Approving Reappointment to Decatur Housing Authority Board

C. R2016-102 Resolution Authorizing Annexation Agreement - Aramark

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. City Manager Tim Gleason explained on August 1st the Local Motor Fuel Tax Projects came before Council which were the City's first roadway projects bid with the MBE being implemented. There had been enough discussion after the Council meeting that he wanted to reach out to Council to see if there was enough interest to reconsider the items and put the very same documents on the August 29th Council meeting for action. Absent reconsideration, Council would advance a rebidding process and include additional projects. Council discussed the bidding process and the MBE requirements. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe said she was one of the no votes and she would move to reconsider these bids; Councilwoman Lisa Gregory said she would second it. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained there would be four agenda items at the next Council meeting; first a motion to reconsider, second the resolution adopting the concrete, and a subsequent motion to reconsider the asphalt. City Manager Tim Gleason said the items would come before Council on August 29th. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory requested a Study Session on the entire bidding process from the conception of a need for a project, to how does the City develop projects, how does the City develop a RFP, when does the Engineer's estimate come in before or after the RFP, what is happening in pre-bid meetings, and what happens in the time of a bidding process until the time it is on the Council agenda.

Councilman Pat McDaniel reminded everyone that children are returning to school and to be careful. He asked parents to not let the children cross in the middle of the block to get across the street to go to school; instead have children go to the end of the block where the school guard is.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory mentioned the number of FOIAs requested on the monthly report. She would like to know how many FOIAs the City anticipates annually, are they coming into one department more than another, what is the costs to the City, and does the City have frequent requestors and have they met the standard in which the Attorney General would say the City does not need to continue to respond.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory said the City of Decatur and the Village of Forsyth partnered together for the Symetra Tour-Road to the LPGA. That is a phenomenal partnership and she hopes as a City we can continue that partnership.

Councilman Bill Faber stepped out the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

With no Other Business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to a Study Session for License, Permit, and Major Revenue Overview.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

Councilman Bill Faber returned to the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara gave a presentation regarding the various types of licenses issued and the costs to prepare the licenses, the issuance of permits, and pie charts looking at the General Fund Revenue as far as what it consists of and what the history is. Councilman Bill Faber requested Finance Director Gregg Zientara help Council understand the effect of the gaming expenditures by the gamers as it effects the sales tax revenue.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved August 29, 2016
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk