

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, January 17, 2017

On Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 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 Citizen, the following citizens appeared:

Russell Shulke read a statement regarding Decatur Memorial Hospital patient services.

The minutes of the December 19, 2016 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; 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 motion carried.

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

R2017-01 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with SAK Construction, LLC for 7th Ward Sewer Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2015-07, was presented.

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

Councilwoman Dana Ray verified that the bid was 43% below the engineer's estimated cost. She asked if the Council would see a lot of Change Orders asking for more money since everyone else's bids were closer to the engineer's cost. City Manager Tim Gleason explained that even though SAK was the lowest bid there were two others that were relatively close. The bidders had the entire bid packet and they do not foresee Change Orders going forward. Councilwoman Dana Ray asked if there would be any way to put a cap on this so Council doesn't see a lot of Change Orders going forward. City Manager Tim Gleason said the biggest thing in the City's favor would be to hold the contractor accountable.

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.

2017-01 Ordinance Authorizing the City of Decatur of Macon County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; 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.

R2017-02 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Blank Wesselink Cook & Associates, Inc. to Provide Construction Engineering and Resident Inspection Services for the Nelson Park Neighborhood Combined Sewer Separation Project, City Project 2012-22 was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; 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.

R2017-03 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Dredging & Oakley Sediment Basin Rehabilitation Professional Engineering Services Agreement – Change Order #1, was presented.

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

Councilman Jerry Dawson stated that one of the items in this agreement the City is paying for was inspections to the basin and he thought that would have been included in the initial bid when the City entered the dredging contract. Councilman Jerry Dawson asked why the inspections were not included in the initial cost. City Manager Tim Gleason explained that Great Lakes has established a good track record of the sediment that is taken from the basin of Lake Decatur and that is how they are paid and Chastain's has verified that. This Change Order will reduce the frequency of which we are doing that based on Great Lakes track record. Water Management Director Keith Alexander stated the Change Order will reduce the amount of inspections that Chastain's provides the City. City staff will be inspecting the basins every other week and Chastain's will inspect on alternating weeks instead of every week. Councilman Jerry Dawson asked why the cost was not in the original contract. Water Management

Director Keith Alexander said it was, but when they bid for the second half of the work, there is almost a \$4,000 cost reduction to the City.

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.

R2017-04 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Funds for Nelson Park Amphitheater Design Project, was presented.

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

Councilman Jerry Dawson stated he was in favor of the lake front development, but we need to remember what is the City's and what is the Park District's because we are all hurting for cash. We need to watch every penny, but overall this is too good of a deal for the community and he would support it. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe shared she was very appreciative of Mr. Buffett's contribution to the community. Councilman Bill Faber stated he did not understand the need for the City to contribute this fund for the Park District project, but he supported Councilman Jerry Dawson's conclusion.

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

R2017-05 Resolution Authorizing City Treasurer to Release Annual Professional Service Contract Payment to the Community Investment Corporation of Decatur, was presented.

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

Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Jerry Dawson and Chris Funk requested a report or a presentation from the Community Investment Corporation of Decatur (CICD). City Manager Tim Gleason said he would reach out to the CICD and ask them to prepare a presentation for a Study Session.

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.

R2017-06 Resolution Authorizing City Treasurer to Release Fiscal Year 2017 Operational Funding Monies to the Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, was presented.

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

Councilman Pat McDaniel requested to review the funding made by the City and Forsyth. His understanding was that the Decatur Park District doesn't contribute anything. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated everyone that benefits from the events the Convention Bureau brings to the community needs to contribute. Councilman Chris Funk asked how the amount the City allocates compare to the organization's total budget. Teri Hammel explained that the City contributes \$240,000 and they also receive a subsidy of \$65,000 from the Village of Forsyth. They also received \$166,000 from the State for FY 2017. Councilman Chris Funk asked what the Convention Bureau's primary impacts in Decatur were. Teri Hammel explained their responsibility is to increase awareness in the community to help support the community attractions, to raise Hotel/Motel Tax and bring in events, meetings and conventions. Councilman Chris Funk asked that the Convention Bureau provide a report on the Hotel/Motel Tax to see the benefit of the Bureau's efforts and also consider restaurant dollars spent. Teri Hammel stated they do have a formula for rooms, gas and food that they do use. Councilman Chris Funk requested an analysis to make sure if the City is going to pay half the overall operating budget that Decatur has the number of hotels and restaurants that are benefiting versus Forsyth and Mt. Zion. Teri Hammel shared their annual report really shows where the dollars go on the return on investment. John Phillips said the first thing you will hear from the Park District is that the City gets the revenue from the Hotel/Motel, restaurant taxes and none of that money is shared with the Park District.

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.

R2017-07 Resolution Authorizing City Treasurer to Release Fiscal Year 2017 Operational Funding Monies to the Decatur-Macon County Senior Center, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; 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.

R2017-08 Resolution Authorizing City Treasurer to Release Fiscal Year 2017 Operational Funding Monies to the Decatur Economic Development Corporation, was presented.

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

Councilman Bill Faber stated he believed the City would be better served by bringing this effort in house rather than reaching out to the Economic Development Corporation.

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.

R2017-09 Resolution Authorizing City Treasurer to Release Fiscal Year 2017 Operational Funding Monies to the Decatur Civic Center Authority, was presented.

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

Councilman Chris Funk asked if the City elected not to do this than the only option would be to disband the Civic Center Authority and cease having the Civic Center. City Manager Tim Gleason explained he had not sought the legal interpretation of what the agreement is, but their operational funding is subsidized in a large part by the City.

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 D and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A through D:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2017-10 Resolution Approving Appointment – Human Relations Commission
- C. R2017-11 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Funds – Motorola System/Service Upgrade Agreement
- D. 2017-02 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 34 – Traffic and Parking

Councilman Jerry Dawson motioned to approve the items as presented; 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.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe reminded everyone that the City is hosting a Minority Business Forum at the Decatur Club at 1:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to come. Also, Councilman Pat McDaniel mentioned at the last meeting doing a town forum or town hall meeting on economic

development, along with Councilman Bill Faber. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked the City Manager to set up a town hall meeting for February or March. Councilman Pat McDaniel requested to have the CIGD report at the forum.

Councilman Pat McDaniel asked if the Police Department keeps records of how many accidents are caused by people running red lights or stop signs. Deputy Chief Dave Dickerson said if he had certain intersections he wanted to see, they could do that. Councilman Pat McDaniel said he wanted to see all of it.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Study Session for the Energy Savings through Lighting Efficiencies – Presented by the National Retrofitting Group, LLC

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.

President Scott Bernstein, Business Development Director Kevin Kuhlman and Auditing Specialist Brian Samocki with National Retrofitting Group, LLC, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the benefits of LED interior and exterior lighting. Retrofitting lights could reduce energy use by 64% along with substantial savings. The City has been pre-approved by the Illinois Department of Commerce for a rebate in the total amount of \$257,580, if the City proceeds with the project. Total cost of the project is \$696,975 less rebates of \$257,580, the City's net cost would be \$439,375. After a 3.5 year return on investment, taxpayers would see an estimated annual savings of approximately \$140,000. If the project was approved, in order to get the rebate, the work would be completed by May 17, 2017. Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Kuhlman, and Mr. Gleason responded to Council questions regarding the lighting product and wireless component. The retrofitting light project will be on the January 30, 2017 Council agenda.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; 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 Council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Approved January 30, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk