

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

On Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 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 Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Pat McDaniel. 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.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens:

District Executive Matt Kaufman with Lincoln Trails Boy Scouts spoke in favor of the Celebration fence. Mr. Kaufman stated that the Decatur Celebration is a good fund raiser for the boy scouts.

The minutes of the January 2, 2018, Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel 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.

R2018-01 Resolution Authorizing Consulting Services Agreement – Ann L. Schneider & Associates, LLC, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2018-02 Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Macon, was presented. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2018-03 Resolution Regarding Temporarily Closing Some Downtown Sidewalks – Decatur Celebration, was presented. Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Producer/Director Lori Sturgill and Board President Jeff Ludwick with the Decatur Celebration responded to Council members' questions regarding the Celebration fence.

Greg Farris with Decatur Lincolnland AMBUCS, Jennifer Tolladay with Elite Energy Show Choir, and Andrew Chiligiris with Macon County Title Company spoke in support of the Decatur Celebration fence.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, 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.

R2018-04 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and Associated Sales Order with the Decatur Park District to Obtain Internet Access through the City of Decatur Fiber Network, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Information Technology Director Jim Edwards responded to Council members' questions regarding the proposed contracts with the Decatur Park District and the Macon County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Edwards also answered Council's questions concerning possible future customer fiber network opportunities.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2018-05 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and Associated Sales Order with the Macon County Sheriff's Office to obtain Internet Access through the City of Decatur Fiber Network, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

FY2018 Resolution Authorizing Subrecipient Agreement with the Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations (CONO). Councilman Pat McDaniel moved that the Resolution be tabled until next month; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried to table the item.

R2018-06 Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Purchase Property Located at 330 W. Mound Rd., Decatur, IL, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2018-01 Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2017 Series Bond, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel 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 requested that City Manager Tim Gleason conduct a study on what the City's space needs are as Council looks at the future as to what Council has to do financially in the community.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory requested that the Treasurer's financial report be moved to the first item under new business on the Council agenda for 2018.

Councilman Bill Faber read ten legislative initiatives that he would like Council and staff to consider.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Study Session for the Treasurer's Financial Report. Councilman Pat McDaniel motioned to Recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Finance Director Gregg Zientara provided the monthly Treasurer's report and answered Council's questions regarding the City's budget. Council members shared their comments and concerns regarding raising fees and capturing sales tax.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session under Section 2 Open Meetings Act (c) (1) for the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body. Councilwoman Dana Ray motioned to Recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular Council meeting following Closed Executive Session.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle. All were in favor by voicing no objections. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Approved February 5, 2018
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk