

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 7, 2019

On Monday, January 7, 2019, 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 Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Chuck Kuhle were present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Interim City Manager Billy Tyus attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for appearance of citizens.

John Phillips Jr. appeared before council and felt that the reaction of certain City Council members at the last City Council meeting regarding a USA Today online article which featured the successes of African-Americans in the Decatur community was dismissive.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of the December 17, 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, Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle 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.

R2019-01 Resolution Authorizing Payment of the 2019 Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center Invoice -- User Fees for the Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire Department, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

2019-01 Ordinance Rezoning property from B-2 Commercial District to M-1 Intense Commercial-Light Industrial District, 3373 North Woodford Street, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

R2019-02 Resolution Accepting the Bid Price of InfoSense, Inc. for the Purchase of a Sewer Acoustic Inspection System, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle 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 E and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from the Consent Calendar. Councilman Bill Faber asked to remove Item E. The Clerk read Items A through D:

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

Item B. R2019-03 Resolution Approving Appointments – Decatur Area Convention and Visitors Bureau

Item C. R2019-04 Resolution Approving Appointment – Decatur Housing Authority

Item D. R2019-05 Resolution Approving Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A through D be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2019-06 Resolution Approving and Determining the Need for Confidentiality of Minutes of Closed Meetings, was presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber stated that he would like the opportunity to review the minutes before determining if the minutes should remain confidential and asked to table the item. Councilman David Horn asked Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland if City Council members wished to see minutes from previous meetings if they could do so; Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland responded yes.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber voted nay. Six ayes and one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe received a letter of resignation from Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus and the Mayor and Council thanked Deputy City Manager Billy Tyus for his years of service and wished him well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe reported that Decatur School board member Courtney Carson is organizing a community meeting which will be held at the Decatur Civic Center on January 31 at 6pm to discuss violence in the community.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory thanked the individual who donated \$1,500 to CONO for the purchase of a trailer which will be used for neighborhood cleanups and wished CONO President Sue Lawson well on her retirement and thanked her for her hard work and dedication over the past several years.

Councilman Chuck Kuhle would like Council to be thinking of the possibility of the legalization of marijuana and the ramifications it would have on the community.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session under Section 2 Open Meeting Act (c) (1) for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle 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 Councilwoman Dana Ray. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Approved January 14, 2019
Kim Althoff
City Clerk