

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, January 3, 2022

On Monday, January 3, 2022, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and David Horn. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Deputy City Manager Jon Kindseth attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Allan Max Axelrod, Kevin Watkins, Minnie Walker, Eva Savage, Arzena Pettus, Dawn Head, Jeffrey Perkins, Allan Jackson, Larry Turpin and Abeer Motan.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the December 20, 2021, City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 54.1, Video Gaming License, Section 4, Video Gaming License Fees, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved to take the item from the table, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Deputy City Manager Kindseth gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Council held a discussion regarding the new law enacted by the General Assembly splitting video gaming machine fees equally between owners of local establishments and terminal operators.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland answered questions from Council concerning these fees.

Councilman Faber made a motion to table the item, seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion tabled.

With no other Unfinished Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Councilman Faber exited the Council Chambers at 6:12 p.m.

R2022-01 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Deputy City Manager Kindseth gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-02 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Hutchins Excavating for the Demolition of the Vacant Building at 826 East Main Street, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Deputy City Manager Kindseth gave an overview of the next four Resolutions as they all related to demolitions.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Faber returned to the Council Chambers at 6:15 p.m.

R2022-03 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of the Vacant Building at 1087 East North Street, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-04 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Parkland Environmental for the Demolition of the Vacant Building at 1125 North Monroe Street, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-05 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Clancy Coleman Excavating for the Demolition of the Vacant Buildings at 2509 East Prairie Avenue and 1204 East Walnut Street, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-06 Resolution Authorizing Additional Funding for DOVE, Inc. to Provide Mortgage, Rent and Utility Assistance to Eligible COVID Impacted Residents, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Deputy City Manager Kindseth gave an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Tamara Wilcox, Executive Director of DOVE discussed working with other local agencies to provide rent, mortgage, and utility relief to qualified residents.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2022-07 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Central Illinois Land Bank for Rehabilitation Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Deputy City Manager Kindseth gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council regarding details of the agreement.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a discussion on COVID/Public Health Measures. Council held a discussion concerning the surge in new COVID-19 cases and mask enforcement.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A. and B. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. The Clerk read items A. and B.:

R2022-08 Item A. Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement - City of Decatur Illinois - County of Macon

R2022-09 Item B. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Decatur Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through B. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

Council took a moment to recognize an increase in violence against police officers. Former Councilman Rodney Walker was recognized for the opening of his new restaurant.

With no other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. under Open Meetings Act Section (2)(c)(5) the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body and Section (2)(c)(6) the Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body.

Councilwoman Gregory moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session. Councilwoman Gregory moved the regular meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Kuhle. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Approved January 18, 2022
Kim Althoff
City Clerk