

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, April 21, 2025

On Monday, April 21, 2025, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

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

City Manager Tim Gleason participated remotely through electronic attendance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kim Schwalbach presented a proclamation proclaiming April 30, 2025, “National Therapy Animal Day” in Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Ayn Owens, Charles Stone, David Sands and Jim Taylor.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of April 7, 2025, 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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Pat McDaniel abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, presented the Treasurer’s Financial Report and answered questions from Council members regarding the budget.

2025-38 Ordinance Adopting City Code Chapter 51.7 Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

Council members engaged in a discussion regarding the grocery tax, and it was clarified by several Council members that it was not a new tax but simply a change in who collected the tax.

Councilman Horn made a motion to table the Ordinance until the first City Council meeting in September, seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn and Dennis Cooper voted aye. Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Council members continued their conversation about the tax, focusing on its various uses and the purposes it serves.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Horn voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2025-170 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Egizii Electric for South Water Treatment Plant Electrical Improvements, City Project 2022-18, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the following two Resolutions as they both related to the same project.

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

R2025-171 Resolution Authorizing a Construction Engineering Contract with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly for South Water Treatment Plant Electrical Improvements, City Project 2022-18, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

City Manager Gleason provided the City Manager Update. Rose Miller, Decatur transit driver, was recently awarded the Katherine McClary Award, for the US Northeast Region, a national safety award recognizing operators at MV Transit for their focus on safety, customer service and community involvement.

Ms. Lacie Elzie, Director of Transportation Services, spoke about the prestigious award and spoke about Rose Miller's work history and her accomplishments.

City Manager Gleason announced that Brad Allen was appointed to Chief of Police, effective May 9, 2025, after serving 27 years with the Decatur Police Department, where he was previously the Deputy Chief of Administrative Operations.

Councilman Kuhle received commendation for his leadership and service on the Decatur City Council.

Deputy Chief of Administrative Operations Allen took the opportunity to share his journey with the Decatur Police Department, expressing heartfelt appreciation for the time he has spent serving the city.

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

R2025-172 Item A. Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Holder Bid Price of Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the Purchase of One Ford F-150 Truck

R2025-173 Item B. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with William Charles Construction Company, LLC for the 27th Street Reconstruction Project, City Project 2024-11, Section No. 24-00411-00-RP

2025-39 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3158 Kathy Court

2025-40 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3046 South Wheatland Road

R2025-174 Item E. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Dunn Company for the Purchase of Bituminous Pavement Materials

R2025-175 Item F. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Metal Culverts, Inc. for the Purchase of Corrugated Steel Pipe

R2025-176 Item G. Resolution Accepting the Bid of VCNA Prairie LLC for the Purchase of Portland Cement Concrete

R2025-177 Item H. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Beelman Logistics LLC for the Purchase of Crushed Stone Aggregate

R2025-178 Item I. Resolution Authorizing a Second Contract Change Order with E.L. Pruitt Company for Chiller Replacement at the Decatur Public Library

R2025-179 Item J. Resolution Accepting E.L. Pruitt Co. Invoice for Water Service to 1170 N. Orchard Building

R2025-180 Item K. Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Contract between the City of Decatur and Balcones Midwest LLC for Processing Single Stream Recyclables

2025-41 Item L. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park - Decatur Area Arts Council

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

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through M. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel 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.

Councilman Kuhle reflected on his time with the Decatur City Council, expressing appreciation to his supporters. He also extended his best wishes for the future of both the council and the city.

Mayor Moore Wolfe expressed gratitude to Councilman Kuhle for his dedicated service on the City Council and honored him with a plaque on behalf of the City Council.

Councilman Horn raised questions with Mayor Moore Wolfe regarding remarks made on Brian Byers regarding the relocation of the Heritage Behavioral Health Center.

Councilman Cooper encouraged citizens to attend a Senior Health Fair to address healthcare concerns at the Decatur Public Library on April 22, 2025, from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Councilman Kuhle announced that the Illinois Women's Pro Tennis Championship will be held June 9-15, 2025, at the Fairview Tennis Complex.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Adjournment.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the regular City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved May 5, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk