

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

On Tuesday, September 2, 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 Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp and Dennis Cooper. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Proclamations and Recognitions.

Ms. Jennifer Ellis presented a proclamation proclaiming September 13, 2025, as official Pride Day and Pride Fest Celebration 2025 in Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Bruce Bullamore and Tony Stepney.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of August 18, 2025, City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. 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, provided opening comments for the 2024 audit report presentation and introduced Chad Lucas, Principal with Sikich LLP.

Mr. Lucas presented the 2024 audit reports and answered questions from Council members.

R2025-246 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Intera Incorporated, to Provide Engineering Services for the Harristown Vulcan Reservoir, City

Project 2024-03, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, answered questions from Council members regarding Decatur's water supply.

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

R2025-247 Resolution Authorizing Purchase of OpenGov Inc. Permitting and Licensing Code Enforcement Software Module, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jim Edwards, Director of IT, provided an overview of the Resolution.

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

City Manager Gleason presented the City Manager Update. New hires: Amaris Joyner, Utility Customer Service, Kevin Jackson, Equipment Operator, Braiden Abbott, Gage Bivona, Chase Eller, Nicolas Girard, Virgil Kunc, Tyler Nichols, Timothy Pearson and Devin Top, Police Patrol Officers. Retirement: Tim Rich, Plumbing Code Inspector. City Manager Gleason spoke about the launch of Decatur Moves Microtransit, set to begin on September 8, 2025, and highlighted the upcoming WSOY annual community food drive. He also discussed the economic impact of the Farm Progress show.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through C. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn requested to remove Item B. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items A. and C.:

Item A. R2025-248 Resolution to Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Local Public Agency General Maintenance

Item C. R2025-249 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of Tyler Technologies, Inc. Maintenance and Support for Court Case Management Suite

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. and C. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2025-64 Ordinance Enacting Territory to Enterprise Zone and Approving the Amendment of the Enacting Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement 1645 N State Highway 121, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development answered questions from Councilman Horn about the expected development and economic incentives.

Councilman Horn made a motion to table the Ordinance until finding out the purpose of the property, seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Consuelo Cruz, David Horn and Dennis Cooper voted aye. Council members Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Ed Culp voted nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion failed.

Council members continued their discussion on the enterprise zone amendment.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Ed Culp and Dennis Cooper voted aye. Council members Consuelo Cruz and David Horn voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe abstained from the vote. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Councilman McDaniel addressed the issue of traffic enforcement on West Main Street. Councilman Culp expressed his condolences for the tragic loss of the three-year-old in a recent house fire and extended his thoughts to the first responders involved.

City Manager Gleason responded to Councilman Cooper's inquiry about opportunities for citizens to discuss garbage service and to propose potential changes.

Councilman Culp exited the Council meeting at 6:20 p.m.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called adjournment.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Approved September 15, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk