

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 3, 2025

On Monday, November 3, 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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Consuelo Cruz. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Interim City Manager Melissa Hon attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Kathy Williams, Ayn Owens and Alan Wade.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of October 20, 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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

R2025-292 Resolution Estimating Amounts Necessary to be Raised by the 2025 Tax Levy, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Interim City Manager Hon provided a brief overview of the Resolution and clarified that the proposed Resolution doesn't bind the Council to any commitments beyond fulfilling the necessary statutory publishing requirements.

The following citizen provided comments regarding the tax levy: Alan Wade.

Council members expressed their views on the tax levy and requested additional alternatives to consider rather than increasing property taxes.

Mr. Gregg Zientara, Director of Finance, addressed inquiries from Council members regarding alternative options.

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

R2025-293 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Bluecross Blueshield of Illinois for Administration of the City Group Health Benefit Plan for Calendar Year 2026, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Interim City Manager Hon provided a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

Interim City Manager Hon provided the City Manager Update. New hires: Kyle Knott, Economic Development Specialist and Tim Largent, Equipment Operator, Shaina Snyder, Utility Customer Service Representative, Carson Kidd, Transit Fleet Mechanic, Zachary Hoffman, Carson Dahman, Mason Wisely, Decatur Firefighters Appointments: Todd Cox, Fire Battalion Chief, Jill Coleman, Customer Payment Specialist Promotions: Jessica Brewer, Fire Lieutenant, Travis Garrett, Fire Captain Retirement: Matthew Hinds, Fire Battalion Chief.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through I. 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. through I.:

2025-74 Item A. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3022 South Wheatland Road

R2025-294 Item C. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Dunn Company, a Division of Tyrolt, Inc. for City Project 2025-08, Annual Street Restoration, Section 25-00508-00-FP

R2025-295 Item D. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Purchase Order Between City of Decatur, Illinois and Electrical Service Company a Division of Bodine Electric of Decatur for EV Charger Installation at 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza

R2025-296 Item E. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Purchase Order Between City of Decatur, Illinois and Electrical Service Company a Division of Bodine Electric of Decatur for EV Charger Installation at 130 N. Franklin St.

R2025-297 Item F. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Purchase Order Between City of Decatur, Illinois and Electrical Service Company a Division of Bodine Electric of Decatur for EV Charger Installation at 2031 W. Fairview Park Dr.

R2025-298 Item G. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Purchase Order Between City of Decatur, Illinois and Electrical Service Company a Division of Bodine Electric of Decatur or EV Charger Installation at 2240 E. Cantrell St.

R2025-299 Item H. Resolution Approving Appointment - Firemen's Pension Fund Board of Trustees

R2025-300 Item I. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Decatur Housing Authority

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

R2025-301 Resolution to Appropriate Additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Restoration of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, City Project 2025-08, Annual Street Restoration, Section 25-00508-00-FP, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Public Works Director Matt Newell addressed Councilman Horn's inquiries about the potential for using the funds for other purposes.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz 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 members responded to citizens' comments about property taxes and an update on the Jasper Street corridor project was requested.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved November 17, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk