

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 1, 2025

On Monday, December 1, 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.

Interim City Manager Melissa Hon attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe recognized Clay Gerhard with a Stephen Decatur medallion for his lifesaving efforts during a car fire incident.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Deemi Islamoski, Dennis Hepworth and Kevin Hale.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of November 17, 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.

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

2025-77 An Ordinance Levying Property Taxes for the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Purpose of Raising Revenue to Meet Certain Necessary Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2026, and Ending December 31, 2026, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Take Effect, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Interim City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Ordinance.

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.

2025-78 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2014 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-79 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2016 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-80 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2018 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-81 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series B Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-82 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-83 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2020 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-84 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2022 Series Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

2025-85 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2025 Series A Bonds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

R2025-306 Resolution Rescinding Resolution R2023-19 Authorizing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Home Investment Partnership Funds for the Redevelopment of Garfield School, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Interim City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided additional comments.

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.

R2025-307 Resolution Authorizing Home Investment Partnership Funds for the Redevelopment of Garfield School, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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.

R2025-308 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Purchase Agreement Between City of Decatur, Illinois and Garfield School Associates, LP for the Property Located at 1077 West Grand Ave Lot One of Garfield School Apartments Addition, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Interim City Manager Hon 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.

R2025-309 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Purchase Agreement Between City of Decatur, Illinois and Garfield School Associates, LP for the Property Located At 1077 West Grand Ave Lot Two of Garfield School Apartments Addition, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided an overview of the Resolution and presented slides that featured a rendering of the building.

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.

Interim City Manager Hon provided the City Manager Update. New Hires: Robert Oleson, Construction Code Inspector (Structural), Terry Landry, Construction Code Inspector (Electrical), Phillip Collins, GIS Specialist, Robert Laskowski, Equipment Operator, Travis Schanaman, Director of Information Technology, Tory Owens, Police Patrol Officer, Promotions: Tina German-Roberts, Fire Captain Retirement: John Baer, Fire Captain. City employees were recognized for their dedication to working through the weekend during a recent winter storm event.

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. No Council member requested to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Calendar Items A. through C.:

2025-86 Item A. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3968 West Division Street

R2025-310 Item B. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for Faries Parkway Concrete Patching City Project 2025-36

R2025-311 Item C. Resolution Appropriating Additional Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Construction Maintenance Agreement with the Illinois Central Railroad to Improve the Brush College Road Grade Crossing Separation Project City Project 2009-33 Section 09-00933-01-BR

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through 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.

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

Councilman Culp acknowledged Clay Gerhard for his life-saving efforts. Mayor Moore Wolfe thanked Kevin Hale for sharing his personal experience with the city's homebuyer program. Councilman McDaniel brought up a recent article concerning the long-term effects of cannabis use. Councilwoman Cruz shared that the Economic & Community Development Department has resources available to support the elderly with heat and water-related issues. Mayor Moore Wolfe noted that individuals seeking help for essential services can reach out to United Way by calling 211.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for 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, Ed Culp, 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 6:00 p.m.

Approved December 15, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk