

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 15, 2025

On Monday, December 15, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Ed Culp. 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 presented a proclamation honoring Teri Hammel for her retirement after 23 years with the Decatur Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Verlyn Rosenberger, John Baird, Don Carlson, Linda Virgil, Doris McKay, George Virgil, Dawn Dannenbring, Alex Miller, Teri Hammel and Dennis Hepworth.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of December 1st, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp 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.

Interim City Manager Hon presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

R2025-312 Resolution Authorizing the City of Decatur to Provide an Interfund Cash Advance to Certain Funds to Affect a Positive Cash Position as of the Close of Business as of December 31, 2025, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2025-313 Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Decatur and Flock Safety for the Deployment of Surveillance Cameras, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Brad Allen, Chief of Police, provided a brief overview of the Resolution.

Council members provided their input, and Police Chief Allen responded to their inquiries regarding the agreement.

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

Interim City Manager Hon provided the City Manager Update highlighting Decatur has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the most affordable place to live in 2025-2026. A survey is currently under way for the Oakwood Business District to gather public feedback. Additionally, Interim City Manager Hon recognized Jim Edwards, Director of IT, on his retirement and extended warm wishes for the holiday season.

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

R2025-314 Item A. Resolution Authorizing Renewal of OpenGov, Inc. Maintenance and Support for Permitting and Licensing Software

R2025-315 Item D. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Decatur Illinois and County of Macon, Regarding Sharing the Costs for the Ann L. Schneider Consulting Agreement

2025-87 Item E. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3063 Lakeland Road

R2025-316 Item F. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Novotx, LLC, to Provide Asset Management Software and Implementation Services, City Project 2024-32

R2025-317 Item G. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Alum, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-318 Item H. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Carbon, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-319 Item I. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Carbon Dioxide, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-320 Item J. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Chlorine, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-321 Item K. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Hydrofluorosilicic Acid, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-322 Item L. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Lime, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-323 Item M. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Sodium Chloride, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-324 Item N. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Sodium Chlorite, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

R2025-325 Item O. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemical - Sodium Hexametaphosphate, for the Year 2026, Purchase #PUR2025-09

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

R2025-326 Resolution Authorizing Consulting Services Agreement - Ann L. Schneider and Associates LLC, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Cooper spoke in support of the agreement.

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

R2025-327 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Eight (8) Radar Signs from Radarsign, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn commended staff for bringing forward a solution to address speeding concerns.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe expressed her gratitude to city staff for their hard work during the recent snow event. Councilman Culp requested everyone to keep Tim Wittmer in their thoughts and prayers who recently retired from DPD and is currently facing a health challenge. Additionally, Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland addressed inquiries from Councilman Horn regarding the carbon sequestration easement agreement and Councilman Cooper asked for a status update on the Wee Folk building.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Approved January 5, 2026

Kim Althoff

City Clerk