

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 2, 2026

On Monday, March 2, 2026, 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 Melissa Hon attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe invited Mr. Robert Archer to the podium to present a proclamation.

Mr. Robert Archer presented a proclamation recognizing March 2026 as DeMolay Month in Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Jason Martin, Matt Kaloupek, and James Taylor.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of February 17, 2026, 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.

R2026-39 Resolution Authorizing Evaluation Criteria, Application and Scoring for City Council Community Grant Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding the grant program process.

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.

R2026-40 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Funds for the City of Decatur City Council Community Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2026, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Council members expressed their opinions about allocating funds for the grant program.

Mayor Moore Wolfe moved to table the Resolution until July 1, 2026, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

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

With no further comments, Mayor Moore Wolfe asked to call the question.

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

R2026-41 Resolution Amending R2024-349 A Behind the Meter Solar Project for the William Street Pump Station, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Brian McLemore with CQI Associates confirmed that it was a net positive for the city in terms of reducing electricity rates.

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 Hon presented the City Manager Update welcoming Rex Pare, Plan Examiner, Mason Mears, Transit Fleet Mechanic, Brett Hill, Service Worker and David Bonnell, Police Patrol Officer. She also announced the promotion of Sergeant Bradley Hall and the retirement of Sergeant Steven Hagemeyer.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through K. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar.

Councilman Horn requested to remove Items H. and K. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Calendar Items A. through G., I. and J.:

Item A. R2026-42 Resolution Authorizing Engagement of Presidio Inc for Maintenance, Support, and Migration Services for the City Phone System

Item B. R2026-43 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 and Upfit

Item C. R2026-44 Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Holder Bid Price of Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the Purchase of One Ford F-450 Truck and Upfit

Item D. R2026-45 Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Holder Bid Price of Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the Purchase of One Ford F-250 Truck and Upfit

Item E. R2026-46 Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Holder Bid Price of Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the Purchase of One Ford F-450 Truck and Upfit

Item F. R2026-47 Resolution Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Holder Bid Price of Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. for the Purchase of One Ford F-550 Truck and Upfit

Item G. R2026-48 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement for Waterway and Sediment Control Basin Improvements with Emily Baldwin

Item I. R2026-50 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

Item J. R2026-51 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Ezell Excavating for the Demolition of 720 N. Edward St.

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through G., I. and J. 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.

R2026-49 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Crawford, Murphy and Tilly, Inc., to Provide Final Design Engineering Services for the Lost Bridge North Basin and Florian Basin Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project, City Project 2017-02, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, answered questions from Councilman Horn regarding the city's compliance with the USEPA consent order for four priority areas. Mr. Newell also spoke about the city's overhead sewer program.

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.

R2026-52 Resolution Approving and Determining the Need for Confidentiality of Minutes of Closed Meetings, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn spoke about releasing confidential minutes of closed meetings to the public.

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

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe spoke about the much-needed rain in the forecast.

City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilman Horn regarding the procedures for implementing water restrictions and from Councilwoman Cruz concerning property maintenance issues at Wabash Crossing.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland addressed inquiries from Councilman Cooper regarding the current status of complaints at Wabash Crossing.

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, 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 6:14 p.m.

Approved March 16, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk