

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 16, 2026

On Monday, March 16, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Ed Culp. 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 called for Proclamations and Recognitions.

Ms. Mary Garrison, President & CEO of Heritage Behavioral Health Center presented a proclamation recognizing March 2026 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe signed the proclamation.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Verlyn Rosenberger, Ayn Owens and Bret Robertson.

Council members made no immediate responses.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of March 2, 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 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.

City Manager Hon presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Council members thanked staff for monitoring state-level issues impacting the city budget.

Prior to a hearing and agenda item regarding the issuance and sale of bonds regarding Millikin University, Councilman Horn recused himself from the meeting citing his employment

as a biology professor at Millikin University. Councilman Horn exited the Council Chamber at 5:41 p.m.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Public Hearing at 5:42 p.m. for the following agenda item: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of (i) Revenue Bonds (Millikin University), Series 2026A, and (ii) Taxable Revenue Bonds (Millikin University), Series 2026B of the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$53,000,000; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement, a Trust Indenture, a Bond Purchase Agreement and Related Documents; and Authorizing the Distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement; and Authorizing Certain Related Matters.

Mayor Moore Wolfe announced that all interested persons wishing to contend for or protest against the issuance of the Bonds would be heard and that all oral or written statements would be considered.

No individuals expressed interest in supporting or opposing the issuance of the Bonds, whether through oral or written statements.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Public Hearing closed at 5:43 p.m.

2026-13 Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of (i) Revenue Bonds (Millikin University), Series 2026A, and (ii) Taxable Revenue Bonds (Millikin University), Series 2026B of the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$53,000,000; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Loan Agreement, a Trust Indenture, a Bond Purchase Agreement and related documents; and authorizing the distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement; and authorizing certain related matters, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided an overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Dean Pribbenow, President of Millikin University, spoke about the economic and social contributions of the university and highlighted its partnership with the city.

Mr. Jeff White, Municipal Advisor with Columbia Capital Management, answered questions from Council members and provided clarification regarding the terms of the agreement.

Councilman Cooper moved to table the item until the next City Council meeting expressing concerns about the limited time available for review, seconded by Councilwoman Cruz.

Mr. White answered questions from Council members about internal review, potential litigation exposure, and any future changes requiring Council approval.

Upon call of the roll to table, Council members Dennis Cooper and Consuelo Cruz voted aye. Council members Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted nay. Councilman Horn had recused himself prior to the hearing and was not in attendance. 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Horn had recused himself prior to the hearing and was not in attendance. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Councilman Horn returned to the Council Chamber at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a discussion on the 2025 Community Revitalization Survey Results.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Economic and Community Development, provided an overview of the 2025 Community Revitalization Survey and shared key data analyzed, key findings and spoke about the next steps. She noted that the survey data was made available on both the city's website and its Facebook page.

Council members provided feedback highlighting ongoing efforts and strategic considerations for community revitalization.

City Manager Hon presented the City Manager Update sharing a timeline for the City Council Community Grant Program. Also, residents are encouraged to take part in the Illinois Housing Blueprint Survey that could potentially lead to additional grant funding. She also shared information regarding drought conditions and lake levels, and about the launch of the Decatur Transit contactless fare system.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through R. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Horn requested to remove Items A., I. and N. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Calendar Items B. through H., J. through M. and O. through R.:

2026-14 Item B. Ordinance Authorizing the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Galvanized Water Service Line Replacement, City Project 2025-20

R2026-53 Item C. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Commercial Electric Inc., for the Grand and Condit Stormwater Pump Station Electrical Improvements, City Project 2025-15

R2026-54 Item D. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with A&R Mechanical Services dba A&R Services Inc., for the South Taylorville Road Water Main Replacement Project, City Project 2024-16

R2026-55 Item E. Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Clark Dietz, Inc., to Provide Construction Engineering Services for the South Taylorville Road Water Main Replacement Project, City Project 2024-16

R2026-56 Item F. Resolution Authorizing a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of One (1) RoboMIDI Mower

R2026-57 Item G. Resolution Authorizing a Cash Rent Farm Lease with Andy Freeland for Oakley Sediment Basin Farm

R2026-58 Item H. Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement for Floodplain Reconnection Wetlands with Lawrence H. Shackelford Trust

R2026-59 Item J. Resolution Approving Bid with GIVSCO Construction Company for Interior Remodel at 1170 N. Orchard Building

R2026-60 Item K. Resolution Approving Bid with Apex Electrical Solutions, Inc. for Electrical Service at 1170 N. Orchard Building

R2026-61 Item L. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Architectural Expressions, LLP, for Architectural Oversight of Building Upgrades at 1170 N. Orchard Street

R2026-62 Item M. Resolution Approving Service Agreement Between the City of Decatur, Illinois and Lindsey Adult Day Services, Inc. for Operation Uplift Transportation

R2026-63 Item O. Resolution Authorizing Execution and Agreement of FY2027 Transit Downstate Operating Grant Agreement

R2026-64 Item P. Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement.

R2026-65 Item Q. Resolution Accepting Special Warranty Relating to the Protection of Interests of Employees for Transit Financial Assistance Grant

2026-15 Item R. Ordinance Authorizing Decatur Public Transportation System to Provide Public Transportation to Macon County

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items B. through H., J. through M. and O. through R. 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.

2026-16 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 55.1 Mobile Food Units, Temporary Vendor Stands, and Food and Beverage Carts, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon answered questions from Councilman Horn about registration requirements for food trucks.

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.

R2026-66 Resolution Approving a Grant Agreement Between the State of Illinois and the City of Decatur for Funding through the FY26 Camera Grant, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn expressed gratitude for the grant funding and acknowledged the efforts of the Decatur Police Department and staff.

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.

R2026-67 Resolution Approving Bid with Oak Bros Tree Care & Removal for Tree Delivery and Planting for USDA Tree Grant, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon addressed Councilman Horn's inquiries about options for residents to obtain trees, highlighting the city's tree grant program.

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 thanked the family of Jim Wrigley and volunteers for continuing the St. Patrick's Day parade tradition.

Councilman McDaniel recognized Victory Lanes for hosting a PBA tournament that attracted nearly 100 bowlers from across the country.

Councilman Cooper extended his congratulations to the McArthur girls and boys basketball teams, along with their families and supporters, for reaching sectionals. Mayor Moore Wolfe noted that the teams will be recognized during an upcoming Council meeting.

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 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 6:36 p.m.

Approved April 6, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk