

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, July 6, 2026

On Monday, July 6, 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 Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel and David Horn. 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe recognized student ambassadors from Decatur Sister Cities who will be traveling to Tokorozawa, Japan for two weeks on July 22, 2026, and presented them with Stephen Decatur medallions.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Jackie Bullard, Ross Thompson, Doris McKay, Stephanie Brown, Mary Garrison, Bret Robertson, Ayn Owens and Jim Taylor.

Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of June 15, 2026, City Council meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn made a motion to amend the minutes of June 15, 2026, to reflect that his vote should be recorded as present for agenda item R2026-123 rather than abstaining, seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Council members held a discussion concerning the motion to amend the minutes and Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland responded to questions.

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

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

R2026-134 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding for Development of a Regional Integrated Plan for Wastewater and Stormwater for Decatur, Illinois, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Kent Newton, Executive Director of the Sanitary District of Decatur, gave an overview of the Resolution.

Council members provided comments and Mr. Newton answered questions related to the recycling of phosphorous.

Ms. Verlyn Rosenberger expressed concerns about the plan.

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

City Manager Hon presented the City Manager Update highlighting the following retirements: James Walker, Jr, Water Plant Operator, Robert Watkins, Fire Captain and Karl Ziemer, Engineering Technician III. She announced that the cleanup for tree debris was extended until July 9th due to the latest storm and she provided details on how residents could arrange for limb pickup. She also shared that National Night Out would take place on August 4, 2026, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 p.m. at Dansby Park and Community Impact Days are scheduled for July 17 – July 19, 2026.

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

R2026-135 Item B. Resolution Accepting the Bid of Oak Bros Tree Care & Removal LLC for Lake Embankment and Shrub Removal

R2026-136 Item C. Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement with Lynn Clarkson for a Bioreactor Drainage Water Treatment Structure

R2026-137 Item D. Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Farmland Conservation Program Agreement for a Pond Improvement with Branson D Quintenz and Cassidee Key-Flowers

R2026-138 Item E. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 1705 N. Main St.

R2026-139 Item F. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 277 W. Prairie St.

R2026-140 Item I. Resolution Authorizing Approval of Proposal from the Decatur Police Department for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds

R2026-141 Item J. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with MacQueen Equipment, LLC, for the Purchase of a Ford Frontline Mobile Command Vehicle for the Decatur Police Department

R2026-142 Item K. Resolution Authorizing Payment to CDW-G for Licensing and Use of Microsoft Products

R2026-143 Item L. Resolution Approving Appointment - Decatur Housing Authority

R2026-144 Item M. Resolution Approving Appointments - Electrical Commission

R2026-145 Item N. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Library Board of Trustees

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

R2026-146 Resolution Amending City Council Policy E-3: Privately Owned Lead Water Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn commented about reimbursement costs for privately owned lead water services.

City Manager Hon addressed Councilman Cooper's concerns regarding language in the proposed policy relating to leaks.

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

R2026-147 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Proposal from Heritage Behavioral Health Center for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Councilman Horn recused himself citing a personal relationship with the President and CEO of Heritage.

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

R2026-148 Resolution Accepting Rush Truck Centers Quote for Bus Engine Overhaul, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Hon provided clarification about the costs.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz, Pat McDaniel, David Horn 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 recognized Bob Brilley who recently passed away and expressed their gratitude to city staff for their efforts during the recent storm cleanup.

City Manager Hon addressed questions from Council members Consuelo Cruz and Dennis Cooper concerning the Comprehensive Plan and Community Grant Program.

Mayor Moore Wolfe and Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland responded to questions from Councilman Horn concerning potential litigation risks from discussing carbon sequestration activities.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved July 20, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk