

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, August 3, 2026

On Monday, August 3, 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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and Consuelo Cruz. 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. Leanne Bond presented a proclamation proclaiming August 4, 2026, as “National Night Out” in Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Doris McKay, Tim O’Conner, Jim Hoyt, Stephanie Brown, Bret Robertson, Ada Owens, Seth Stedman, Diane Spaniol, Alan Wade, Ayn Owens, Michael Hartwig, Robert Archer and Abeer Motan.

Council members responded to citizens’ comments.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of July 20th, 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 Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a discussion on the 2026 Water Cost of Service Study.

Mr. Robert Weil, Water Production Manager, provided an overview of the study, detailing the analysis process and its findings, along with some key takeaways.

Council members shared their feedback on the study.

City Manager Hon presented the City Manager Update highlighting the new Deputy City Manager, ShamRA Robinson. Deputy City Manager Robinson provided a brief introduction. Additionally, City Manager Hon announced new hires including Dalton Brownlow and Tre Cawvey-Bullock, Engineering Technicians, along with promotions for Evan Hocking, Fire Lieutenant, Paul Higar, Fire Captain and Walter “Will” Danzeisen, Water Plant Operator, and retirements for Mike Donaker, Police Detective and Todd Zimmerman, Fire Captain.

Mayor Moore Wolfe congratulated City Manager Hon for achieving her Certified Public Manager certification.

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 member of the Council requested to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Calendar Items A. through C.:

2026-25 Item A. Ordinance Rezoning Properties from R-3 Single Family Residence District and M-2 Heavy Industrial District - 271 South 26th Street and 601 South 27th Street and Lot to the Immediate West of 601 South 27th Street to a PD Planned Development District

R2026-155 Item B. Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Entler Excavating Co. Inc. for the Nelson Park Boat Ramp Improvements, City Project 2026-42

R2026-156 Item C. Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Execute and Enter into Annual Support and License Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Municipal Justice

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through C. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Consuelo Cruz 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 responded to Councilman Cooper’s question regarding the scheduling of a meeting with Wabash Crossing.

Councilwoman Cruz requested a list of all organizations the city belongs to, along with the associated membership costs.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Approved August 17, 2026
Kim Althoff
City Clerk