

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2025

On Monday, April 7, 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory and David Horn. Councilman Pat McDaniel was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Anthony Chapple, Ayn Owens, James Taylor and Dan Dunphy.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for approval of the minutes.

The minutes of March 17, 2025, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

R2025-157 Resolution Accepting Proposal of Arndt Municipal Support Inc. (AMS) for a Classification and Compensation Study, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding fees.

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

R2025-158 Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement with K.C. Finds, LLC, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Council members shared their views on the conditions outlined in the proposed development agreement.

City Manager Gleason addressed questions from Council members about incentives.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2025-159 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Clifton Larson Allen LLP for Professional Business Assessment Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Gleason gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members about potential costs savings.

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

City Manager Gleason provided the City Manager Update. New hires: Amanda Grunden, Customer Payment Specialist, Courtney Dalton, Utility Customer Service Representative and Teresa Jackson, Human Resources Manager. Appointments and Promotions: Christopher Downey, Deputy Fire Chief, Training, Toby Jackson, Deputy Fire Chief, Operations, Matthew Hinds, Battalion Chief, Andrew Alegria, Fire Lieutenant, Brandon Mandernach, Fire Lieutenant, Kalib Brown, Fire Lieutenant and Kory Fenton, Fire Captain Retirement: Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief and Duane Richards, IT System Specialist.

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 Culp requested to remove Item E. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items A. through D. and F. through N.:

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

R2025-160 Item B. Resolution Authorizing Approval to Renew Annual License and Support Agreement from Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the MUNIS Enterprise Financial Software Suite

2025-35 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2983 South Wheatland Road

R2025-161 Item D. Resolution Approving the Purchase and Installation of Two (2) Emergency Warning Sirens

2025-36 Item F. Ordinance Rezoning Property From R-6 Multiple Dwelling District to B-2 Commercial District - 234 East Marietta Street

2025-37 Item G. Ordinance Amending Zoning Ordinance - Section XXIV Fences

R2025-162 Item H. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with D&S Management Realty Partners for 2025 Weed Abatement

R2025-163 Item I. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Jandi Services for 2025 Weed Abatement
R2025-164 Item J. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Ricky Wofford for 2025 Weed Abatement
R2025-165 Item K. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Roots Lawncare for 2025 Weed Abatement
R2025-166 Item L Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Taylor Made Landscaping for 2025 Weed Abatement
R2025-167 Item M. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with F&E Lawn and Janitorial Service for 2025 Weed Abatement
R2025-168 Item N. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Inherited Services LLC for 2025 Weed Abatement

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

R2025-169 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Purchase Order between City of Decatur, Illinois and Paul Tree Farms, LLC for Tree Installation Contract, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Councilman Culp requested an overview of the Resolution.

City Manager Gleason provided an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Transportation Services, addressed inquiries from Council members regarding the costs related to tree installation, the sites selected for planting and the bidding process for future tree contracts.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Culp voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe extended her congratulations to Consuelo Cruz on her election to the City Council and expressed gratitude to Chuck Kuhle for his dedicated service during his time on the Council.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Adjournment.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the regular City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, 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 6:09 p.m.

Approved April 21, 2025
Kim Althoff
City Clerk