

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 19, 2022

On Monday, December 19, 2022, 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, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Lavelle Peete, Daniel Ray Pickrel, Darsonya Switzer, Deangelo Stoner, Mary Garrison, Bret Robertson, Marc Girdler, Abeer Motan, Raymundo Padron and Brad Cole.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Council members responded to citizens' comments.

Councilman Faber exited the Council Chamber at 6:23 p.m.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the December 5, 2022, 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. Councilman Bill Faber was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Wrighton presented the Financial Treasurer's Report.

Councilman Faber returned to the Council Chamber at 6:25 p.m.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Public Hearing at 6:25 p.m. in the matter of the 2022 Property Tax Levy.

There being no public comments, Councilwoman Gregory moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:26 p.m.

2022-48 An Ordinance Levying Property Taxes for the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Purpose of Raising Revenue to Meet Certain Necessary Expenses of the City for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023, and Ending December 31, 2023, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council members concerning the property tax levy.

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

2022-49 Budget Reconciliation Ordinance Appropriating Additional Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses for Certain Funds of the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance.

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

R2022-220 Resolution Authorizing the City of Decatur to Provide an Interfund Cash Advance to Certain Funds to Affect a Positive Cash Position as of the Close of Business as of December 31, 2022, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

R2022-221 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Desktop Computers for the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Chief of Police Shane Brandel gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2022-222 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of GrayKey License Renewal for the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Chief of Police Brandel gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

R2022-223 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a One Year Extension of the Agreement between the Tjaty Group and the City of Decatur for Leadership Facilitation Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Kyle Risby, Tjaty Group provided highlights of the program.

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

R2022-224 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and Associated Sales Order with ICAT Training Foundation to obtain Internet Access through the City of Decatur Fiber Network, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Jim Edwards, IT Director gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

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. No Council member requested to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through R.:

Item A. 2022-50 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2374 Mesa Drive
Item B. R2022-225 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Protection Program Agreement, for Pond Improvements, with Ronald R. Helm and Jeanne E. Helm
Item C. R2022-226 Resolution Authorizing Lake Decatur Watershed Protection Program Agreement, for Streambank Improvements, with Ronald R. Helm and Jeanne E. Helm
Item D. R2022-227 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures
Item E. R2022-228 Resolution Approving Appointment - Civil Service Commission
Item F. R2022-229 Resolution Approving Appointment - Human Relations Commission
Item G. 2022-51 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2010 Series C Bonds

Item H. 2022-52 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2012 Series Bonds
Item I. 2022-53 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2013 Series Bonds
Item J. 2022-54 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2014 Series Bonds
Item K. 2022-55 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2015 Series Bonds
Item L. 2022-56 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2016 Series Bonds
Item M. 2022-57 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2017 Series Bonds
Item N. 2022-58 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2018 Series Bonds
Item O. 2022-59 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series Bonds
Item P. 2022-60 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2019 Series B Bonds
Item Q. 2022-61 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2020 Series Bonds
Item R. 2022-62 An Ordinance Abating the Property Tax Levy for the City of Decatur, Illinois for General Obligation 2022 Series Bonds

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through R. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, 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 spoke about the lack of fire inspectors and the fire union contract. The consensus of Council requested that a discussion on food truck fees and a Closed Executive session regarding the fire union contract be added to the next City Council agenda.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Kuhle and upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Bill Faber, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Approved January 17, 2023
Kim Althoff
City Clerk