

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 7, 2020

On Monday, December 7, 2020, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in a Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Decatur Civic Center Theater, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Bill Faber. Councilman Rodney Walker participated through electronic attendance pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and a determination made by Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe that an in-person meeting of all members of the City Council is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. 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: Marc Girdler, Dan Caulkins, Kathryn Miller, Debbie Hill, Mark Allen and Cameron Williams.

With no other Appearance of Citizens, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the City Council meeting on November 16, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the City Council Study Session on November 23, 2020 were presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no Unfinished Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a public hearing in the matter of the 2021 Budget. Mayor Moore Wolfe opened the public hearing at 5:55 p.m. and declared the public meeting closed at 5:56 p.m.

2020-164 Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Appropriating Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses of Departments and Funds of the City of Decatur,

Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2021 and Ending December 31, 2021, including all Outstanding Claims and Obligations, and Fixing a Time When the Same Shall Take Effect, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council regarding the 2021 budget.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2020-165 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 54.1, Video Gaming License, Section 4, Video Gaming License Fees, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council regarding licensing fees for video gaming terminals.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-172 Resolution Authorizing Redevelopment Agreement - City of Decatur, Illinois and InnovaFeed, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council.

Nicole Bateman, President of the Economic Development Corporation gave background information about the project.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-173 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Duke's Root Control, Inc. for Multi-Year Sanitary Sewer Herbicide Root Control Project, City Project 2020-31, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-174 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Culy Contracting, LLC for 2020 Annual Manhole Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2020-14, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-175 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of an Intergovernmental Grant Agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and the City of Decatur, Illinois to Expand the City of Decatur Fiber Network, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

IT Director Jim Edwards spoke about growing the fiber network.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Community Development Block Grant-COVID (CDBG-CV) Small Business Assistance Subrecipient Agreement FY2020 Community Investment Corporation of Decatur, Inc. (CICD) , was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Councilman Kuhle made a motion to table the Resolution until the December 14, 2020 Special City Council meeting over concerns in the agreement referencing businesses being ineligible for assistance who had been cited or fined within the last 12 months due to COVID Ordinance violations, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-176 Resolution Authorizing City of Decatur to Enter into a Purchase Agreement for Purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Aerial Ladder Fire Apparatus, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council regarding funding of the truck.

Fire Chief Jeff Abbott answered questions from Council regarding the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-177 Resolution Authorizing City of Decatur to Enter into an Agreement for Debt Financing of Pierce Fire Apparatus, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2020-178 Resolution Authorizing Payment of the 2021 Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center Invoice - User Fees for the Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire Department, was presented. Councilman McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

Police Chief Jim Getz explained CIRDC user fees calculations.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, Bill Faber and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe and Councilman Kuhle recused themselves from the following Employee Health Care Clinic item due to conflicts of interest.

Mayor Moore Wolfe turned the meeting over to Councilman McDaniel, serving as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Moore Wolfe and Councilman Kuhle exited the Civic Center Theater at 7:03 p.m.

R2020-179 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate Terms and Execute an Agreement for Creation of a Healthcare Clinic to Service Participants in the City's Healthcare Benefit Plan with Paladina Health, LLC, DBA Activate Healthcare.

City Manager Wrighton gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

City of Decatur Wellness Team members Kara Flannery and Tim Wilderman spoke in support of the Employee Health Care Clinic.

Ms. Deb Geisler with Activate Healthcare provided a history of Activate Healthcare and answered questions from Council.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, and Bill Faber voted aye. Councilman McDaniel declared the motion carried.

Councilman McDaniel called for Other Business.

With no Other Business, Councilman McDaniel called to Recess to Closed Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. under Open Meetings Act Section (2)(c)(11) for the purpose of a discussion on Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

Councilwoman Gregory moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilman Horn and upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Pat McDaniel, Rodney Walker, and Bill Faber voted aye. Councilman McDaniel declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 7:59 p.m. Councilman McDaniel moved the regular meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Gregory. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Approved December 21, 2020
Kim Althoff
City Clerk