

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2023

On Monday, December 4, 2023, 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 David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel and Lisa Gregory. Councilman Chuck Kuhle participated through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a). 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: Ayn Owens, Abeer Motan and Bret Robertson.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the November 13, 2023, City Council Study Session were presented. Councilman Kuhle noted that his name was not included in the minutes as being present at the November 13th, 2023 and November 15th, 2023 City Council Study Session meetings. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved, as amended; seconded by Councilman McDaniel and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 15, 2023, City Council Study Session were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved, as amended; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the November 20, 2023, 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 David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Public Hearing at 5:42 pm. in the matter of the 2024 budget.

No individuals came forward to address Council. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Public Hearing closed at 5:43 p.m.

2023-84 Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 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, 2024 and Ending December 31, 2024, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Council members provided comments concerning the budget.

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

R2023-254 Resolution Authorizing Professional Service Agreement with Sikich LLP for Auditing Services and Non-Audit Advisory Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Ms. Ruby James, Finance Director, answered questions from Council members concerning the length of the contract.

The consensus of Council members favored a three-year contract.

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

2023-85 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 56 Refuse and Recyclables Removal, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance and answered questions from Council members concerning the proposed changes.

Mr. Dave Schaab, Municipal Marketing Manager with Waste Management and Mr. Eric Shangraw, Municipal Marketing Manager with GFL Environmental both said that they were currently working on efforts to educate their customers regarding the new changes.

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

R2023-255 Resolution Authorizing Funding Support for Senior Center Services, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Clay Gerhard, Director of Operations for the Decatur Park District, spoke about consolidation efforts of senior services to benefit local seniors.

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

R2023-256 Resolution Authorizing Payment of the 2024 Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center Invoice – User Fees for the Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire Department, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Shane Brandel, Chief of Police, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-257 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Mobile Overtime Parking Enforcement System from Minuteman Security and Life Safety for the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Shane Brandel, Chief of Police, gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members about the system.

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

R2023-258 Resolution Authoring the Purchase of Cradlepoint Routers and Antennas from CDW for the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Shane Brandel, Chief of Police, gave an overview of the Resolution.

City Manager Wrighton answered questions from Council members regarding the funding source for the purchase.

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

R2023-259 Resolution Authorizing Amendment No. 4 for Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Northwater Consulting for Lake Decatur Watershed Management Plan City Project 2019-38, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Jeff Beckler with Northwater Consulting, answered questions from Council members concerning the reduction of sediment and nitrates from entering Lake Decatur.

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

R2023-260 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc. for Water Sampling Stations, City Project 2023-13, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-261 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with A & R Mechanical Services, Inc. DBA A & R Services, Inc. for the Oakland and Grand Area Sewer Separation Project-Fairview Park Storm Sewer, City Project 2021-01, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-262 Resolution Rescinding a Portion of Resolution No. 2022-95 Accepting the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract Holder Bid Price of Rush Truck Centers for the Purchase of Two (2) Tandem Axle Truck Chassis and Three (3) Single Axle Truck Chassis, was

presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-263 Resolution Accepting the Bid for (5) Single Axle Dump Trucks and (2) Tandem Axle Dump Trucks, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through L. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. Councilman Horn wished to remove Item A. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items B. through L.:

Item B. R2023-264 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Alum City Project PUR2023-006

Item C. R2023-265 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Carbon City Project PUR2023-06

Item D. R2023-266 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Carbon Dioxide City Project PUR2023-06

Item E. R2023-267 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Chlorine City Project PUR2023-06

Item F. R2023-268 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Hydrofluorosilicic Acid City Project-PUR2023-06

Item G. R2023-269 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Lime City Project-PUR2023-06

Item H. R2023-270 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Sodium Chloride City Project-PUR2023-06

Item I. R2023-271 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Sodium Chlorite City Project-PUR2023-06

Item J. R2023-272 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Purchase Order Furnishing Water Treatment Chemicals-Sodium Hexametaphosphate City Project-PUR2023-06

Item K. 2023-86 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2802 Southland Road

Item L. R2023-273 Resolution Authorizing Real Estate Purchase Agreement Including the Transfer of Real Estate Miracle Valley - City of Decatur 901-905 E. Wood Street and 1921 N. Railroad Avenue

R2023-274 Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Graykey License Renewal from Magnet Forensics for the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Shane Brandel, Chief of Police, answered questions from Council members concerning the length of the agreement and funding.

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

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items B. through L. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

City Manager Wrighton announced his intention to retire in May 2024.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved to adjourn the City Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Culp. Upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved December 18, 2023
Kim Althoff
City Clerk