

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 1, 2014

On Monday, December 1, 2014, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting and Closed Executive Session at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois. Mayor Michael T. McElroy presided; together with him being Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe and Dana M. Ray. Six members were present. Councilman Patrick S. Laegeler was absent. Mayor McElroy declared a quorum present.

City Manager, Ryan P. McCrady, attended the meeting as well.

Mayor McElroy led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2014, were presented. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry, J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

This being the time set aside for unfinished business and there being no unfinished business, the Mayor proceeded to New Business. Officer Larry Brooks read the Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Proclamation.

Mayor McElroy declared the Public Hearing open for the Annual Tax Levy for the City of Decatur and the 2015 Budget. The Mayor asked if anyone from the audience wished to address the Council. James Eric Yutzy read a letter he e-mailed to each council member which requested funding for the ambulance service be removed from the current budget. David Burkham, CEO of Decatur Ambulance Service, Inc., stated he opposed the City providing a duplicate service which is already provided by private business. Sherry Procarione addressed Council and stated she agreed with Mr. Yutzy and Mr. Burkham. Mayor McElroy declared the Public Hearing closed.

2014-59 Ordinance Levying Property Taxes for the City of Decatur, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-60 Ordinance Abating Property Tax General Obligation Bond Series 2008, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-61 Ordinance Abating Property Tax General Obligation Bond 2010 Series A, was presented.

Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W.

Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-62 Ordinance Abating Property Tax General Obligation Bond 2010 Series B, was presented.

Councilman Dana M. Ray moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-63 Ordinance Abating Property Tax General Obligation Bond 2010 Series C, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-64 Ordinance Abating Property Tax General Obligation Bond 2013 Series, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Dana M. Ray. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-65 Ordinance Abating Property Tax General Obligation Bond 2014 Series, was presented.

Councilman Jerry J. Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2014-138 Resolution Approving 2015 Budget, was presented.

Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. Councilman Larry W. Foster requested the City Manager review the Fire Department and ALS service issue. City Manager McCrady stated approving the budget with the ALS item included does not mean the ALS unit will come to fruition. It simply means there is money in the budget for that particular item. Interim Fire Chief Abbott addressed questions regarding specific training of personnel. Councilman Larry W. Foster stated he is reluctant to support the City competing with private business. Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson inquired if the money could be used within the Fire Department for other necessities. Manager McCrady advised the funds set aside for the ALS unit can only be used for that purpose. Councilman Jerry J. Dawson agreed with Councilman Larry W. Foster and stated a study session is needed on this subject. Councilmen Dana M. Ray asked if the funds could be reallocated. City Manager McCrady advised the funds can be reallocated. Councilman Pat McDaniel asked if the budget could be amended to remove that item and bring the item back at a later time. City Manager McCrady advised the budget can be amended at any time. Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe was in favor of the budget as long as there will be a study session in the near future. Mayor McElroy asked City Manager McCrady to schedule a study session on this topic in the near future. On call of the roll, Councilmen

Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

2014-66 An Ordinance Establishing the Decatur Macon County Enterprise Zone, City of Decatur, Enterprise Zone Designation, Tax Abatement, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Sherry Procarione suggested further property tax abatement, taking property taxes to zero to attract businesses. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2014-139 Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement – County of Macon, The Village of Mt. Zion, The Village of Forsyth and The Village of Long Creek – Decatur Macon County Enterprise Zone, was presented.

Councilman Julie Moore-Wolfe moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

R2014-140 Resolution Authorizing Agreement and Appointing Interim City Manager, was presented.

Councilman Larry W. Foster moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson. On call of the roll, Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

Mayor Michael T. McElroy called for Consent Calendar Items A through J and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. Items A through J were approved by Omnibus Vote.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved that Consent Calendar Items A through J be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Jerry J. Dawson, and on call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor Michael T. McElroy voted aye. Mayor Michael T. McElroy declared the motion carried.

Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions,

R2014-141 Resolution Approving Appointments to City Boards and Commissions,

R2014-142 Resolution Authorizing First Amendment to the Mass Transit Management Agreement between the City of Decatur and MV Transportation, Inc.,

R2014-143 Resolution Authorizing First Amendment to Mutual Ad Box Alarm System (MABAS),

R2014-144 Resolution Accepting Low Bidders shown in Exhibit for Water Chemicals, Water Production,

R2014-145 Resolution regarding Temporary Closing of State Right-of-Way – Community Event – YMCA 2 Miles to Miles 2K & 5K Run,

R2014-146 Resolution Accepting Bid of Anderson Backhoe Service, Inc. for Demolition of Property located at 1332 West Decatur Street,

R2014-147 Resolution Accepting Bid of Anderson Backhoe Service, Inc. for Demolition of Property located at 1428 East Walnut Street,

2014-67 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 48 – Nuisances and Chapter 29 – Administrative Adjudication of Offenses, and

2014-68 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 7 – Officers and Employees Generally.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizens, John Phillips, representative of the Decatur Public Library Board invited the Council and public to two public meetings to be held at the Library to inform on the efforts and obtain opinions to lease space to the Public Building Commission. The meeting will be Saturday, December 6, at 10 a.m. and Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. Sherry Procarione praised local business for their customer service and asked the Council to look locally for a permanent City Manager. Mayor McElroy emphasized the Council will get the best person available.

Councilman Dana M. Ray moved to recess to closed executive session for the purpose of a discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster and on call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Council went into closed executive session at 6:15 p.m.

There being no further business, Councilman Dana M. Ray moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Larry W. Foster, and on call of the roll Councilmen Jerry J. Dawson, Larry W. Foster, Pat McDaniel, Julie Moore-Wolfe, Dana M. Ray, and Mayor McElroy voted aye. The Mayor declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Approved December 15, 2014
Linda M. Swartz
City Clerk