

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 20, 2023

On Monday, November 20, 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Pat McDaniel. Councilman David Horn participated through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a). Councilwoman Lisa Gregory was absent. 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: Tom Sheets, Ken Hendriksen, Carmen Allen, Amy Cleary, Ed Flynn, Colleen Davis, Bryan Hott, AJ Singh, Mark Allen, Abeer Motan, Bret Robertson and Ayn Owens.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the November 6, 2023, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council members responded to citizens' comments concerning the potential relocation of Heritage Behavioral Health Center from downtown Decatur to the former Northgate Mall north of St. Teresa High School.

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

City Manager Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Resolution Estimating Amounts Necessary to be Raised by the 2023 Tax Levy 5% Increase, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Council members held a discussion concerning the property tax levy. A consensus of Council members was not in favor of a 5% increase.

Ms. Ruby James, Finance Director, answered questions from Council members concerning the 90-day cash reserve policy.

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

R2023-243 Resolution Estimating Amounts Necessary to be Raised by the 2023 Tax Levy 3% Increase, was presented. Councilman Kuhle 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Pat McDaniel voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2023-79 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 Alcoholic Liquor, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Council members provided comments about the proposed changes to the Ordinance.

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

R2023-244 Resolution Authorizing the City of Decatur Liquor Control Commissioner to Allow Certain License Holders to Convert a Class A License to a Class P License, was presented. Councilman Kuhle 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman David Horn voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-245 Resolution for Second Transit Management and Operations Agreement Amendment with MV Transportation, Inc., was presented. Councilman Kuhle 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-246 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Christy-Foltz, Inc. for the Municipal Services Corridor Addition Project, City Project 2023-07A, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-247 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Top Quality Roofing for the Municipal Services Roof Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2023-07B, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-248 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Advanced Commercial Roofing for the Decatur Public Library Roof Replacement Project, City Project 2023-26A, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-249 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Christy-Foltz, Inc. for the Decatur Public Library Landscaping Wall Replacement Project, City Project 2023-26C, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2023-250 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Kinney Contractors, Inc. for the William Street Railroad Crossing Closure Project, City

Project 2022-37, Section No. 22-00237-00-IC, was presented. Councilman Kuhle 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2023-251 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Culy Contracting LLC for 2023 Manhole Rehabilitation Project, City Project 2023-14, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Paul Caswell, City Engineer, gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, 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 F. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Cooper wished to remove item F. from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read items A. through E.:

- Item A. 2023-80 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2225 Lilac Drive
- Item B. 2023-81 Ordinance Annexing Territory 2715 Southland Road
- Item C. 2023-82 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3023 Tempe Drive
- Item D. 2023-83 Ordinance Annexing Territory 3033 Tempe Drive
- Item E. R2023-252 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

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

R2023-253 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of Vacant Building at 570 W. William St, was presented. Councilman Kuhle moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, answered questions concerning plumbing and asbestos abatement costs.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, 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.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, gave an update on the solar project in the Civic Center parking lot. Council members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Closed Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. under Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1) the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body, Section 2(c)(5) Purchase or Lease of Real Property for Use of the Public Body and Section 2(c)(6) Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body.

Councilman Kuhle moved to Recess to Closed Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Council returned to the regular City Council meeting following Closed Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Culp moved the regular meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Kuhle. All were in favor by voicing no objections.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved December 4, 2023
Kim Althoff
City Clerk