

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 2024

On Monday, November 18, 2024, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a motion to allow Councilman Kuhle to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a).

Councilwoman Gregory moved to allow Councilman Kuhle to participate remotely through electronic attendance pursuant to Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a), seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Luke McKenzie, Ayn Owens, James Taylor, Derrick Bradshaw and Anthony Chapple.

Council members responded to citizens' comments concerning the property tax levy.

The minutes of November 4, 2024, 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 Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

There being no Unfinished Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for New Business.

City Manager Gleason presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, spoke about General Fund revenues and expenses and answered questions from Council members.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m. in the matter of the 2025 budget.

Ms. Ayn Owens commented on the proposed 2025 budget.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:15 p.m.

2024-165 An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025 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, 2025 and Ending December 31, 2025, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Gleason gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, spoke about changes to the proposed 2025 budget and provided a summary on how ARP funds were spent.

Council members provided feedback on the proposed 2025 budget and spoke about staffing levels and the property tax levy.

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

R2024-347 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Municipal Emergency Services (MES) for the Purchase of Five (5) Scott Air-Pak X3 Pro Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Seven (7) Scott SCBA Cylinders, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jeff Abbott, Fire Chief, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-348 Resolution Authorizing a Behind the Meter Solar Project for the Decatur Public Library Building, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, gave an overview of the following two Resolutions as they both related to solar projects.

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

R2024-349 Resolution Authorizing a Behind the Meter Solar Project for the William Street Pump Station, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

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

R2024-350 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement for the City of Decatur Safe Streets and Roads for All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Transportation, gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members.

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

R2024-351 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Purchasing Order between the City of Decatur, Illinois and Paul Tree Farms LLC for Tree Installation Contract, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Ms. Lacie Elzy, Director of Transportation, gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

There being no City Manager Update, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through N. 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 N.:

R2024-352 Item A. Resolution Authorizing a Third Amendment to Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Decatur Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority Regarding Solar Canopy Projects

R2024-353 Item B. Resolution Authorizing Consent to Assignment Agreement for the Solar Project at the Decatur Civic Center

2024-166 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3120 Kathy Court

2024-167 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3105 Turpin Road

R2024-354 Item E. Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Tele-Scan, Inc. for the Annual Sewer Inspection Program, City Project 2025-19

R2024-355 Item F. Resolution Authorizing a Three-Year Professional Services Agreement with Pace Analytical Services for Water Treatment Laboratory Services

R2024-356 Item G. Resolution Authorizing a Contract with USIC Locating Services, LLC for Facility Locating and Marking Services

R2024-357 Item H. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Investment Partnership Funds (HOME) FY2024

2024-168 Item I. Ordinance Amending Planned Development District and Rezoning Property from R-2 Single Family Residence District to PD Planned Development Located at 3350 and 3236 North MacArthur Road

R2024-358 Item J. Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

Item K. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions

R2024-359 Item L. Resolution Approving Appointment - Zoning Board of Appeals

R2024-360 Item M. Resolution Approving Reappointments - Decatur Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority (Civic Center Board)

R2024-361 Item N. Resolution Authorizing Payment of the 2025 Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center Invoice -- User Fees for the Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire Department

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through N. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp 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 held a discussion regarding Decatur's water supply.

There being no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Regular Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved December 2, 2024

Kim Althoff

City Clerk