

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, March 18, 2024

On Monday, March 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 Pro Tem Lisa Gregory presided, together with her being Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Pat McDaniel. Councilman Chuck Kuhle and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe were absent. Mayor Pro Tem Gregory declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Gregory called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Michael Cummings, Lisa Garner-Smith, Ayn Owens, Bret Robertson and Abeer Motan.

Council members responded to comments from citizens.

The minutes of the March 4, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilman Culp moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman McDaniel and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Pro Tem Gregory voted aye. Mayor Pro Tem Gregory declared the motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Gregory called for Unfinished Business.

This being the time set aside for Unfinished Business and there being none, Mayor Pro Tem Gregory called for New Business.

City Manager Wrighton requested to delete Item O. under the Consent Calendar, Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Swick's Lawn Care for 2024 Weed Abatement, from the City Council agenda.

City Manager Wrighton presented the Treasurer's Financial Report.

R2024-72 Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Decatur and Decatur Public School District #61 for Repurposing of the Garfield School Site, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Bret Robertson spoke in support of rehabilitation of the former Garfield School but was not supportive of demolition.

Council members provided feedback regarding rehabbing the building versus demolition.

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

R2024-73 Resolution Authorizing License for Underground Pipelines, Cables, and Conduits with the Illinois Central Railroad on Faries Parkway at Brush College Road, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

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

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

R2024-74 Resolution Accepting the Bid Price of S&R Marine and Equipment for the Purchase of One (1) 2024 SeaArk VFX 2072 Deluxe Patrol Boat, Trailer and Accessories, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

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

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

R2024-76 Resolution Accepting the Vandevanter Engineering Company Proposal for the Purchase of a Wash Water Return Pump, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

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

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

R2024-77 Resolution Accepting the Bids and Authorizing the Execution of Purchase Orders for Furnishing Ammunition to the Decatur Police Department, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Police Lt. Jon Quehl, spoke about supply and demand for ammunition.

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

R2024-78 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Three-Year Agreement and Payment to Lexis Nexis for their Desk Officer Reporting System, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-79 Resolution Authorizing Payment to Central Square for Software Maintenance Fees, was presented. Councilman Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

Police Lt. Jon Quehl gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-80 Resolution Amending 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 Culp moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman McDaniel.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gregory called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through Q. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Mayor Pro Tem Gregory reminded Council members that Item O., Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Swick's Lawn Care for 2024 Weed Abatement was deleted from the Council Agenda. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items A. through N. and P. through R.:

2024-29 Item A. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2975 Turpin Road

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

2024-30 Item C. Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park - Decatur Craft Beer Festival

R2024-81 Item D. Resolution Approving Reappointment - Electrical Commission

R2024-82 Item E. Resolution Receiving and Filing the 2023 Official Zoning Map

R2024-83 Item F. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with F&E Lawn and Janitorial Service for 2024 Weed Abatement

R2024-84 Item G. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Roots Lawncare LLC for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-85 Item H. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Up and Ready for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-86 Item I. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Isaiah Enterprises LLC for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-87 Item J. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Julies Mowing Service for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-88 Item K. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Jandi Services for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-89 Item L. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Inherited Services LLC for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-90 Item M. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Shemilah Outreach Center for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-91 Item N. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Jim Kaufman Lawn Care for 2024 Weed Abatement
R2024-92 Item P. Resolution Certifying and Adopting the City of Decatur Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Amendment
R2024-93 Item Q. Resolution Certifying and Adopting the FTA Drug & Alcohol Policy for the City of Decatur Transportation Services Department

Councilman Culp moved Items A. through N. and P. through R. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman McDaniel, and on call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Pro Tem Gregory voted aye. Mayor Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Pro Tem Gregory called for Other Business.

Councilman McDaniel thanked staff for keeping Council members updated on demolitions and Councilman Horn spoke about the number of vacant lots mowed by the city.

With no Other Business, Mayor Pro Tem Gregory called for adjournment.

Councilman Culp moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman McDaniel and upon call of the roll, Council members David Horn, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, and Mayor Pro Tem Gregory voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Approved April 1, 2024
Kim Althoff
City Clerk