

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 1, 2024

On Monday, April 1, 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 Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper and Pat McDaniel. 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe read a letter of support from Dana Ray regarding the appointment of Tim Gleason for City Manager.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Bret Roberson, Justin Phillips, Lawrence Barbee, Daniel Lott, Tom Brinkoetter, Nancy James, Reverend Courtney Carson, Jim Taylor, Prescott Paulin, Phil Cochran, Sandy Bronson, Harry Jackson, Dan Landers, Abeer Motan, Ayn Owens, Semaj Allen and David Jones.

City Manager Wrighton responded to comments from citizens concerning annexations.

Council members responded to comments from citizens regarding the City Manager appointment and annexations.

The minutes of the March 18, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

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

R2024-94 Resolution Authorizing Appointment - City Manager, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Council members provided feedback concerning the employment contract and appointment of the City Manager.

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

R2024-95 Resolution Authorizing Employment Agreement - City Manager, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe gave a brief overview of the Resolution.

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

2024-31 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 56 Refuse and Recyclables Removal Concerning Yard Waste, was presented.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance and spoke about options for yard waste services.

Mayor Moore Wolfe exited the Council Chamber at 6:48 pm. and returned at 6:50 pm.

Council members held a discussion on yard waste options presented by the City Manager.

Mr. Dave Schaab, Municipal Marketing Manager for Waste Management, was present to answer questions regarding services that they provide.

Mr. Prescott Paulin commented about yard waste services.

Mayor Moore Wolfe exited the Council Chamber at 6:53 pm. and returned at 6:55 pm.

The consensus of Council members was in favor of the first option for yard waste services which included a common fee paid by all residential customers.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

R2024-96 Resolution Accepting a Proposal from Triple A Asbestos for the Abatement of Asbestos from Vacant Buildings Located at 436 N. Main (Former YWCA), was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Brett Robertson provided comments concerning the proposal for asbestos removal.

Council members held a discussion concerning the condition of the building.

Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland answered questions from Council members concerning the legal process.

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

R2024-97 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Construction Contract with Lourash and Mahannah Excavation, LLC for the Oakley Sediment Basin Drainage Improvements, City Project 2022-04, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

Councilman Horn provided comments about the Oakley Sediment Basin.

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

R2024-98 Resolution Authorizing a Contract Change Order with Burdick Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc. for the William Street Pump Station Improvements, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

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

R2024-99 Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Purchase Order Between the City of Decatur, Illinois and Master's Transportation Inc. for State of Texas Contract #230204, for Two (2) Ford Transit Vans, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

Council members held a discussion on electric vehicles.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through Z. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. Councilman Cooper requested to remove Item K. from the Consent Agenda Calendar.

Mr. Mickey Cottrell submitted an “Advanced Request to Speak” before the City Council meeting on Item P.

Mayor Moore Wolfe removed Item P. from the Consent Agenda Calendar.

Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 775 W. Grove Road, 747 W. Grove Road, 865 W. Grove Road, 805 W. Grove Road, 815 W. Grove Road, and Lot West of 815 W. Grove Road, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Cottrell, 775 W. Grove Road, objected to the annexation of his property.

Council members held a discussion regarding the proposed annexation.

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

Mr. Lawrence Barbee submitted an “Advanced Request to Speak” before the City Council meeting on Item X.

Mayor Moore Wolfe removed Item X. from the Consent Agenda Calendar.

Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Azuish Enterprise LLC for 2024 Weed Abatement, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Mr. Barbee informed Council members that he was rejecting the contract since he would not be awarded additional districts.

The Resolution was removed from the City Council agenda.

The Clerk read Items A. through J., L. through O., Q. through W., Y. and Z.

Item A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Board and Commissions  
2024-32 Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3070 Turpin Road  
2024-33 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits -  
3226 Desert Inn Road  
2024-34 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits -  
3210 N Westlawn Avenue and 2112 Solar Avenue  
2024-35 Item E. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits -  
2093 Solar Avenue

2024-36 Item F. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 3170 N. Westlawn

2024-37 Item G. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - Lot West of 3555 W. Catherine

2024-38 Item H. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 3833 W. Division

2024-39 Item I. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 1135 N. Moffet Lane, 1205 N. Moffet Lane, 1003 N. Moffet Lane, 3204 W. Marietta Street and 3214 W. Marietta Street

2024-40 Item J. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 3601 W. Marietta Street

2024-41 Item L. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - Lot East of 1302 W. Bowshier

2024-42 Item M. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 2420 Hulett Drive, 2449 Hulett Drive, 2465 Haines Hill Road and 2448 Hulett Road

2024-43 Item N. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 2514 Hulett Drive

2024-44 Item O. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 3316 Ferris Drive, 1850 Ferris Drive, and 1930 Ferris Drive

2024-45 Item Q. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 2933 Danny Drive, 2913 Danny Drive, 2914 Danny Drive and 2934 Danny Drive

2024-46 Item R. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 3011 Danny Drive

2024-47 Item S. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 1604 South Shores Drive

2024-48 Item T. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 3643 E. Corman Street

2024-49 Item U. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 1424 S. 37th Street, 1434 S. 37th Street, 3847 E. Corman Street, Lot East of 3847 E. Corman Street, 1531 S. 44th Street, Lot East of 3643 E. Corman Street, 1495 S. 37th Street and Lot South of 1466 S. 37th Street

2024-50 Item V. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 1645 S. 44th Street and 1685 S. 44th Street

2024-51 Item W. Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - Lot North of 4148 E. Faries Parkway and Lot West of 4152 E. Faries Parkway

R2024-100 Item Y. Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

R2024-101 Item Z. Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between City of Decatur, Macon County, Village of Forsyth, Village of Mt. Zion, and Illinois Department of Transportation for the Purpose of Coordinating Transportation, Land use, and other Related Infrastructure Planning in the Decatur Metropolitan Planning Area

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

Ordinance Annexing Territory Entirely Surrounded by the City Limits - 1803 W. Sunset Ave., Lot South of 2081 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2069 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2021 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1945 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1937 Sunset, Lot South of 1929 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1915 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1901 W. Sunset, Lot South of 2011 Sunset, Lot South of 2095 Sunset, Lot South of 700 S. Westlawn, Lot South of 1909 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1893 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1873 W. Sunset, Lot South of 1853 Sunset, was presented.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Councilman Cooper made a motion to table the Ordinance until it could be verified that 1915 W Sunset Ave. was completely surrounded, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

Ms. Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel, answered questions from Council members regarding the annexation process.

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

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

Council members thanked Decatur Civic Center staff for holding a wrestling event in the Civic Center arena that brought around 6,000 people to Decatur.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Althoff  
City Clerk