

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
Monday, January 30, 2017

On Monday, January 30, 2017, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, and Chris Funk. Seven members present. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Tim Gleason attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This being the time for Appearance of Citizen, the following citizens appeared:

Russell Shulke read a statement regarding his mother's health history and physicians care.

While Russell Shulke was speaking at the podium he had a medical emergency and 911 was called. The Council Chambers was cleared for approximately 35 minutes while Mr. Shulke was attended to by medical personnel.

Maurice Doyle shared he was in favor of Item Number Two (2) on the Council Agenda regarding the Tattoo Parlor on North Water Street. He saw no problem with the establishment being in that location. Mr. Doyle requested Council to look favorably at the permit.

John O'Brien commented on the LED presentation made before Council last week. He stated it was hard to understand the 3.7 years of payoff on the lights. The City would have an energy cost savings, however, the LED lights have a high cost per bulb per unit. The bulbs do not produce a pure white light. As the bulbs grow older in life they will cause a flicker and it can be very disturbing. Mr. O'Brien suggested Council have an independent study made before they make a decision to do a large scale replacement of lights.

The minutes of the January 17, 2017 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

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

2017-03 Ordinance Rezoning Property B-1 Neighborhood Shopping District to B-2 Commercial District 1920 North Oakland Avenue, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2017-04 Ordinance Granting Conditional Use Permit Tattoo or Body Piercing Parlor 528 and 530 North Water Street, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Russell Shulke spoke in favor of the Tattoo Parlor going into the North Water Street location.

Youth Advocate Executive Director Michael Warner shared that the Youth Advocate building is located at 202 East Eldorado, the building is located directly south of the proposed location for the Tattoo Parlor. Mr. Warner was not in favor of the conditional use permit. He did not believe this was the right place for the proposed establishment. He did not believe a child welfare agency would be compatible with a Tattoo Parlor. Mr. Warner hoped Council would vote against the proposal.

Ricki Vaughn stated that she and her husband owned Rupert's Sport Shop on North Water Street. Rupert's had been in that area since the 1940s. The building has been empty for approximately six months. Youth Advocacy came into that block when the Good Samaritan and a gun shop was next to them. The Tattoo Parlor would bring in revenue to the community. She did not feel the Tattoo Parlor would be a deterrent to the Youth Advocate Program or any other business in that block.

Stacey Brohard stated he supported the Tattoo Parlor being in that location.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-12 Resolution Amending Lease Agreement with the Decatur Public Building Commission, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman Bill Faber asked what the discussions were being led by Chief Jim Getz. City Manager Tim Gleason said currently all public safety dispatching is done by one communication center owned and operated by the City of Decatur. We have three representatives on the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) that receive the 911 surcharge off landlines and cell phones. Previous discussions have been would we be best served if the ETSB owned and operated the communication center exclusively. The City has put Chief Jim Getz in the position to have those discussions on our behalf. Councilman Chris Funk clarified that the City was giving termination notice to Macon County. Councilman Chris Funk asked if Macon County asked the City to do this; is the City doing this with their knowledge and support. City Manager Tim Gleason said, yes, Macon County is represented on the ETSB Board. This is a formality in the contract that legally the City needs to take this action tonight. Councilman Chris Funk had concerns in regards to a year from now there isn't a formal agreement in place and Macon County doesn't have the ability to have dispatch services. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained that assuming the parties stay the same and the interests stay the same, more often than not agreements between people should not require formal contracts, but in this case there was an intergovernmental agreement that was entered into and it requires this notice. This action is to be in compliance with the intergovernmental agreement. Councilman Chris Funk asked if the representatives of Macon County are supportive of this. Chief Jim Getz said they are in discussions to come up with a communication center that spreads out the cost a little more. Councilwoman Dana Ray thought the City had already looked at this. Chief Jim Getz said she was correct. Back in 2014 the agreement was all but signed, so a lot of the homework has already been done and that is why we are ready to give this notice. Councilman Chris Funk asked Councilman Jerry Dawson if he had any perspective on this. Councilman Jerry Dawson said shortly after the Law Enforcement Center opened the Sheriff's Department took over all of the records for both agency and the Police took over communications. When the Police Department moved out they had to come up with a contract and that is when they came up with an amount they would pay for the dispatching service. Councilman Jerry Dawson stated it makes sense that the ETSB manage the communication center because they are getting the tax money from the phone service and they have the foundation of a budget. Councilman Jerry Dawson thought this was a really good move.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-13 Resolution Authorizing Termination of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Decatur, Illinois and the County of Macon for Dispatching Services for Calendar Years 2016-2019, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Chris Funk stated he was going to vote no against this because he did not feel he had enough information to understand how it all plays out. Councilman Bill Faber stated he would have appreciated a little deeper background on the item.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Chris Funk voted nay. Six ayes and one nay. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-14 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Jackson Ford, Inc., Decatur, IL, for the Purchase of Four (4) 2017 Ford Escapes, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber asked for an explanation for the need for the vehicles. City Manager Tim Gleason explained the vehicles are for four Neighborhood Standards Officers who are out driving hand-me-down vehicles. This is a vehicle better suited for their work and the request was approved by him.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-15 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Dunn Company for the Purchase of Asphalt, was presented.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-16 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Beelman Logistics LLC for the Purchase of Crushed Stone Aggregate, was presented.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-17 Resolution Accepting the Bid of Contech Engineered Solutions, LLC for the Purchase of Corrugated Steel Pipe, was presented.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Jerry Dawson.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-18 Resolution Accepting the Bid of VCNA Prairie Material Inc. for the Purchase of Portland Cement Concrete, was presented.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business and there being none; Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Recess to Study Session for the Transportation Consultant Update.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Study Session; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

City Manager Tim Gleason explained this Study Session was to talk about the City's transportation efforts that they are collectively pursuing with Macon County regarding regional transportation. They were fortunate to hire Ann Schneider last year and she would be presenting the transportation update. Ann Schneider presented the transportation 2016 recap, project update and 2017 strategies. Two projects she spoke about competing for federal funds for were the East Beltway – Northeast Connector and the Brush College Road – Faries Parkway Grade Separation. One of the things they thought was very important to their efforts in Washington D.C. and Springfield was to build some really strong partnerships here in the community. They created the Decatur - Macon County Transportation Coordinating Committee and they have had several meetings here in Decatur to get the word out about what they are doing. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe thanked Ms. Schneider for her expertise and she expressed how important these partnerships are to help apply pressure in Washington. Councilman Bill Faber stated he is interested in how these projects are going to generate real dollars for this City. Council members asked to be put on the mailing list to be notified when the Decatur – Macon County Transportation Coordinating Committee meetings were going to occur.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved February 6, 2017  
Debra G. Bright  
City Clerk