

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2017

On Monday, February 6, 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 Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk and Lisa Gregory. 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 expressed his concerns about his access to hospital and physician care in Decatur.

The minutes of the January 30, 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 Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory 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.

2017-05 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 66 Regulation of Lake Decatur, was presented.

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

Councilman Chris Funk asked if flying a flag for water skiing is a common practice or is that something that is going to require education for people. Water Management Director Keith Alexander explained the Illinois Department of Natural Resources regulates boating in Illinois and that was a new regulation as of last year. Councilman Chris Funk asked what the mechanism to make sure people know about the new regulation would be. Water Management Director Keith Alexander stated the State does publish an annual boating safety brochure that highlights those kinds of changes.

Councilman Pat McDaniel asked about when people renew their boat licenses, does the City hands out anything to them, especially something new like this. Water Management Director Keith Alexander explained every other year the boats are inspected and there is a check list the staff goes through and it does include the safety equipment that is necessary for boating

and staff would ask if they are water skiers and at that time staff would check for the safety flag. Councilman Pat McDaniel requested the City send out a public notice regarding the new regulation for water skiers.

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

2017-06 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapters 7, 10, 12, 17, and 23 Regarding the Office of Assistant City Manager, Office of City Clerk, Human Resources Division and Management Information Services Division, was presented.

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

Councilman Bill Faber stated he would like more time to review the proposed changes and he would like additional time to consult with staff on these changes. Councilman Bill Faber asked about the adjustments to the City Clerk to be under the direct control of the City Manager, he thought the City Clerk and City Manager should be separate for a fundamental check. City Manager Tim Gleason shared that under his previous predecessor the City Clerk was a direct report to him. Not in the too far past the decision was made to make the City Clerk a direct report to the Assistant City Manager and he is one of them that will be lost through attrition this year. Councilman Bill Faber asked City Manager Tim Gleason about why the change to a Deputy City Manager. City Manager Tim Gleason explained one of the Assistant City Manager's has announced that he is going to retire in 2017, so with the elimination of that position he saw an opportunity to slightly change the name and it signals to the staff and community that position is clearly the number two position in the organization. The other Assistant City Manager would be promoted into that position. Councilman Bill Faber suggested adding personnel to Streets and Sewers in case a big emergency happens the City would have the manpower to do the work. Councilman Bill Faber stated Council should not give the City Manager authority under Chapter 7 to hire and fire the Chief of Police or Fire Chief without the consent of City Council.

Councilwoman Dana Ray asked if there were going to be demotions or how would the savings coming about. City Manager Tim Gleason would not call any demotions. The Water Department would fall under the Public Works Director. The level of duties do not change the City would have the extra level of Public Works Director overseeing that Public Works function.

Councilman Chris Funk asked for clarification about whether the Assistant City Manager's position is being eliminated or vacated. Corporation Counsel Wendy Morthland explained the position is being vacated and then it will be eliminated effective June 1, 2017.

Council members thanked City Manager Tim Gleason for the well thought out reorganization plan.

Audience Comments:

Randy Hellmann, AFSCME Council 31, staff representative for Local 268 City employees, stated there was an email sent today on behalf of AFSCME that said the Union was in complete opposition to any changes and he wanted to clarify they are not in direct opposition

to change. We are here to say that if our interest our being protected in these decisions we want to work with the City to do what we can to help provide those savings and ensure the jobs and the services we provide are protected.

Russell Shulke shared his concerns regarding the proposed reorganization.

John Phillips stated he thought this kind of reorganization is exactly what a City Manager is supposed to do. He had concerns about taking actions based on pure savings. Everything the City does must be about improving customer service. He had concerns about the Economic Development Director responsibilities, he thought it was everyone's job to lead the economic development effort. He also had concerns regarding the Deputy City Manager not having anybody reporting directly to him.

Council and City Manager Tim Gleason had further discussion about the roles of the Economic Development Director and the Human Resources Director.

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

2017-07 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapters 7, 11, 25, 26, 27, 31, 34, 35, 41, 44, 48, 49, 49.1, 63, 67, 67.2, 68, 70, 70.1, and Repealing City Code Chapter 32 Regarding the Planning and Building Services Department and the Neighborhood Services Department, was presented.

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

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

2017-08 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapters 16, 64, 65, 66, and 75 and Repealing City Code Chapter 9 Regarding the Water Management Department and the Public Works Department, was presented.

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

Russell Shulke stated he wanted to keep the Water Department separate from Public Works.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Consent Calendar Items A through C and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A - C:

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. R2017-19 FY 2017 Resolution Authorizing Sub Recipient Agreement with the Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations (CONO)
- C. 2017-09 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 34, Traffic, Sections 29, 38, 70

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved Items A through C be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business:

Councilman Jerry Dawson inquired about people contacting him about Uber, would that be something the City needs to approach them about bringing to town. Assistant City Manager Billy Tyus stated the City has had conversations regarding Uber and conversations with the EDC as well. We are currently reviewing our City Code to see if changes need to be brought before Council.

Councilman Pat McDaniel reminded citizens they can contact the seven elected leaders out in the community, by phone or they can attend a Council meeting.

Councilman Bill Faber reminded Council that Councilman Pat McDaniel had raised the issue of a Town Hall meeting for jobs and economic development and he had not seen any planning for the meeting. City Manager Tim Gleason stated they are targeting the week of March 6th and it would be either on Wednesday or Thursday or possibly the week of March 13th. Councilman Bill Faber announced that Millikin University is holding a Civil Discourse week and he would like to promote that together.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson, Bill Faber, Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved February 21, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk