

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 2017

On Monday, April 3, 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 Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Bill Faber. 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 Citizens, the following citizen appeared:

Russell Shulke spoke about the importance to vote in the local election on April 4, 2017.

The minutes of the March 20, 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 Chris Funk, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Jerry Dawson and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman Bill Faber abstained. Six ayes and one abstention. 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.

Proclamations and Recognitions:

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked Regional Coordinator for the Illinois Organ and Tissue Donor Program Liz Hager to the podium to read the Proclamation proclaiming April 2017 as National Donate Life Month in Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked Program Director for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program Charlie Gillaspie and Second Year VISTA with Big Brother Big Sisters Desiree Thomas to the podium to read the Proclamation proclaiming April 4, 2017 as National Service Day.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked the Robertson Charter School 7th grade boys basketball team, Bishop G. E. Livingston, Principal Niki Fenderson and coaches to the podium to honor their 2A State Championship win. Mayor Julie Moore presented Stephen Decatur Medallions to the basketball team, coaches and principal. Principal Niki Fenderson stated this was the school's seventh State championship win.

Resolution Terminating an Agreement with AECOM for Design of the Brush College Road Overpass Across the Norfolk Southern Track Yard CP 2009-33, was presented.

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked AECOM Vice President John Schwalbach to the podium to address the Council. Mr. Schwalbach provided copies of his statement he read to the Mayor and Council members. Mr. Schwalbach responded to Council questions pertaining to the project costs and availability of Federal funding. Councilman Chris Funk asked if staff could invite Consultant Ann Schneider to a Council meeting so Council members could ask her questions regarding the project also.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved to table the motion; seconded by Councilman Chris Funk.

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

Council discussed the Brush College Road project further and shared their concerns regarding traffic safety in the project area.

R2017-37 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – Pro Lawn Care, was presented.

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

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

R2017-38 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – Jim Kaufman Lawn Care, was presented.

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

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

R2017-39 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – T.O.M. Lawn Care, was presented.

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

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

R2017-40 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – Pegaso Enterprises LLC, was presented.

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

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

R2017-41 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – Jandi Services, was presented.

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

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

R2017-42 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – James Gahwiler, was presented.

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

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

R2017-43 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – Kirk's Lawn Care, was presented.

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

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

R2017-44 Resolution Authorizing Weed Removal Contract – Nature’s Way Lawn Service, was presented.

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

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

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

- A. Receiving and Filing of Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- B. 2017-13 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor in Central Park – Decatur Area Arts Council
- C. 2017-14 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue Lock Stock & Barrel/Oakwood Business Association
- D. 2017-15 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Rights-of-Way 100 Block South Oakland Avenue – Lock Stock & Barrel Bike Night
- E. 2017-16 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Marietta Street and North Warren Street Facing East Marietta Street
- F. 2017-17 Ordinance Establishing an All Way Stop Intersection at West Prairie Avenue and North Edward Street
- G. 2017-18 Ordinance Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs at the Intersection of East Main Street and 23rd Street Facing 23rd Street
- H. R2017-45 Resolution Approving Appointment – Plan Commission
- I. R2017-46 Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

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

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called for Other Business. Councilman Bill Faber asked if the Town Hall meeting regarding jobs and the economic situation in Decatur had been scheduled. City Manager Tim Gleason stated the thought was to wait for the newly elected Council and then schedule a date.

With no other business, Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe called to Recess to Closed Executive Session Under Section 2. Open Meetings (c) (2) Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved to recess to Closed Executive Session; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

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

Council returned to the regular Council meeting following Closed Executive Session.

Councilman Jerry Dawson moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray. All were in favor by voicing no objections. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved April 17, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk