

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, May 1, 2017

On Monday, May 1, 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.

Julie Moore Wolfe was sworn in to the office of City Mayor.

David J. Horn, Charles A. Kuhle, and Patrick L. McDaniel were sworn in to the office of City Councilman.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle and Pat McDaniel. 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:

Nick Miller, owner of Sky's the Limit Tree Service, Inc., read a statement regarding the bids received for the removal of trees on East Route 36. He thought the money should be kept locally and not awarded to out of town contractors.

Chairman Jacob Jenkins of the Greater Decatur Black Chamber of Commerce asked if the City had studied the environmental impact of the rubbish near his church. He also asked the City to consider funding for the inner City in the 2018 City budget. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory respectfully requested Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe reach out to Mr. Jenkins and set up a meeting with him. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated she had reached out to the Black Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe are trying to set up a meeting with the Black Chamber of Commerce.

The minutes of the April 17, 2017 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Councilman David Horn stated he was not a Council member at that time and abstained and Councilman Charles Kuhle abstained. Five ayes and two 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 the following individuals to the podium to read their respective Proclamations:

Darla Weltmer with General Federation of Woman's Club (GFWC) Decatur Woman's Club is observing the month of May as the GFWC Decatur's Woman's Club month and is celebrating 130 years as a federated woman's club in Decatur, Illinois.

Angie Miller with Local Letter Carriers recognized Saturday, May 13, 2017 as National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day and asked the community to put canned food by their mail boxes for the local letter carriers to pick up and distribute to local food pantries.

Executive Director Teri Hammel with the Decatur Area Convention & Visitors Bureau read May 1 – May 8, 2017 as Tourism Week in Decatur in conjunction with National Tourism week. Councilman Pat McDaniel shared there will be an event in the green space across from ADM downtown Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., that will show case all the historical sites and other attractions in Decatur.

Mildred Bond the secretary of the NAACP, read in 2017 the Decatur branch is celebrating 102 years of being a major fighter in justice and equality in the community. The Mayor proclaimed May 27, 2017 as NAACP Day.

Bishop Glenn Livingston read the Proclamation for Decatur Charter School Week, May 1 – 5, 2017.

## Recognitions:

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe and Sister Cities Chairman Jaci Osborne presented certificates and Stephen Decatur Medallions to six area students who will be traveling to Sevetal, Germany this summer. The six students recognized were Seven Sassano, Dominico Sassano, Josie Martin, Zach St. Clair, Aloni Jordan, and Andrew Shupenus.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe welcomed the American Studies class from Millikin University. The group consisted of nine international students.

2017-20 Ordinance Designating Mayor Pro Tempore, was presented.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2017-21 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 3683 East Corman Street, was presented.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2017-63 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Homer Tree Care, Inc. for Removal of Trees on City Property, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Gregory.

Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked if the City Forester had any plans to replace these trees. City Manager Tim Gleason explained that the trees are ash trees and he would not recommend replacing the trees on public rights-of-way. It is not tree for tree, but tree replacement had been discussed internally. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory asked if the removal of these trees would jeopardize the status of Decatur as a Tree City. City Manager Tim Gleason stated that he did not believe so; it is the removal of ash trees that are problematic. Councilman Pat McDaniel asked if the City were to replace the trees, would the City go with smaller types of trees. City Manager Tim Gleason stated that was customary. Councilman Bill Faber requested to have public input about not planting trees on the boulevards. Councilman Bill Faber questioned the discrepancy in the bid pricing, and he questioned the integrity of the bid. City Manager Tim Gleason explained the City had the security of the contract itself. Councilwoman Dana Ray asked if there were any questions about the quality of work Homer Tree Care, Inc. had done in other cities. Public Works Director Rick Marley shared Homer Tree Care, Inc. is located in Chicago and they do a lot of work and there were no concerns. Councilman Pat McDaniel asked Nick Miller if he did work outside the City. Nick Miller stated that he did go outside the City; he did FEMA work.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel 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 B and asked if any Council member wished to have an item removed from Consent Calendar. The Clerk read Items A - B:

- A. 2017-22 Ordinance Authorizing Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor 2100 Block East Cantrell Street Between 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street – Wild Dog Saloon – Bike Night
- B. R2017-64 Resolution Regarding Temporary Closing of State Rights-of-Way Community Events

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved Items A through B be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray, and on call of the roll, Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel 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 stated Decatur Park District is contemplating closing Scovill Golf Course and he believed that the City and the Council had an interest in Scovill Golf Course and should have conversation with the Decatur Park District about their future plans for that facility. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe believed the Decatur Park District had received public comment, but it was a matter of finances. Scovill Golf Course is the Decatur Park District's jurisdiction.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Councilmen Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Approved May 15, 2017  
Debra G. Bright  
City Clerk