

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, June 19, 2017

On Monday, June 19, 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 David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, 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.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Micah Wakeman, a 16 year veteran of the Fire Department who passed away last week.

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

John O'Brien read a statement regarding the introduction and passage of ordinances and resolutions. He believed it would be beneficial to allow more time to consider all the aspects of ordinances.

The minutes of the June 5, 2017 City Council meeting were presented. Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Chuck Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, 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.

Proclamation and Recognitions:

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe asked Drew Thaxton to the podium and presented him with a Stephen Decatur Medallion. Drew Thaxton broke Eisenhower High School's record in the shot put and he finished second in the State.

Dr. Kristin White representing the Sister Cities Committee read a letter from the Mayor of Tokorozawa, Japan. The letter congratulated Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe on her recent election and the Mayor looked forward to working with Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe to continue their long standing relationship.

Councilman Pat McDaniel presented Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe with a City of Decatur logo flag to fly at the Civic Center. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presented the flag to Decatur Civic Center Manager Chris Brodnicki.

2017-31 Ordinance Annexing Territory – 3324 Ferris Drive, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Ordinance do pass; seconded by Councilman Charles Kuhle.

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

R2017-85 Resolution Approving an Agreement with Pure Technologies US Inc. dba Wachs Water Services for the Water Main Valve Assessment Project, City Project 2017-13, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

Councilman Bill Faber asked why the City had overlooked the inspection for so many years. City Manager Tim Gleason shared the larger infrastructure projects are long overdue. Councilman Bill Faber suggested doing an inventory of the large projects the City is deferring. City Manager Tim Gleason stated those items are readily available in the Capital Improvement Plan. Councilman David Horn asked if the contractor has a prevailing wage, at that point and time, does the minority participation goals become a part of the contract. City Manager Tim Gleason explained what triggered the minority participation is if they would come upon deficient valve and actual City work is required. But MBE is not required on the professional service agreement. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked about the other bid not included in the packet. City Manager Tim Gleason stated it was actually an interview process and not a formal bid process.

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

R2017-86 Resolution Authorizing the First Amendment for an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for Midwest Inland Port Study, was presented.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel.

AECOM Vice President John Schwalbach asked Council for their support of the Resolution. AECOM is ready to proceed with the Study given that the match is acquired.

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

R20107-87 Resolution Authorizing Execution of Franchise Agreement – Comcast of Illinois/Indiana/Ohio LLC, was presented.

Councilman Pat McDaniel moved the Resolution do pass; seconded by Councilwoman Dana Ray.

Councilman Bill Faber inquired about requiring Comcast to provide a studio in Decatur for the public to use for community productions. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated the rates are prohibitive and if Comcast were to do that they would pass the cost on to the consumers. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe stated that people are getting on Facebook and the internet to voice their opinions.

Libbie Stehn Tumulty with Comcast stated people are using Facebook and Twitter these days. People just aren't using public access because they are going through online sources. Comcast really doesn't have the resources to do production. Comcast typically partners with a third party and they let them handle the public access for them. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if Council passed the Resolution, would Comcast still be open to the idea. Ms. Stehn Tumulty explained there isn't a public access channel in the proposed agreement or in the existing agreement. Councilman David Horn asked if this agreement would impede the City's ability to demolish unsafe properties. City Manager Tim Gleason replied it would not.

Upon call of the roll, Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, 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 Other Business. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe shared the City was honored by the Decatur Minority Black Chamber of Commerce for their investment in the minority enterprise program. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated he took part in the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District Tour around the community to see how the City's money is being used to eliminate drainage going into Lake Decatur. Councilman Pat McDaniel stated it is a very good investment. Councilman Pat McDaniel asked citizens to read the Herald and Review's editorial today about how citizens of Illinois are suffering. Councilman David Horn received information about the 2017 Urban and Community Forestry Program. It offers grant support up to \$15,000 for a municipality to improve their urban forest. Councilman Bill Faber asked City Manager Tim Gleason to educate him about his responsibilities and duties if there would be a national disaster in the community. City Manager Tim Gleason stated he would provide a memorandum to Council. City Manager Tim Gleason recognized new hire Human Resources Director French Wilson. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked what the heroin use in our City was like. Police Chief Jim Getz stated like everywhere else it is a tough battle. Police are taking heroin off the streets every day. Councilwoman Lisa Gregory encouraged her colleagues to do a ride along with the police and fire departments. Councilman Charles Kuhle asked if the

copper and lead levels in water should be tested every year. City Manager Tim Gleason stated the City test as often as they are required to.

Councilwoman Dana Ray moved the regular Council meeting be adjourned; seconded by Councilman Pat McDaniel. Councilmen David Horn, Charles Kuhle, Pat McDaniel, Dana Ray, Bill Faber, Lisa Gregory and Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe declared the Council meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Approved July 3, 2017
Debra G. Bright
City Clerk