

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, February 5, 2024

On Monday, February 5, 2024, the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, met in Regular Meeting at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe presided, together with her being Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Ed Culp. Councilman Chuck Kuhle was absent. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens and the following citizens provided comments to the Council: Brittany Comage, Bret Robertson, Abeer Motan, Ayn Owens and Whalen Vancil.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Approval of the Minutes.

The minutes of the January 16, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Culp and on call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Unfinished Business.

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

2024-04 Budget Reconciliation Ordinance Appropriating Additional Monies for the Purpose of Defraying the Expenses for Certain Funds of the City of Decatur, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2024-05 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 51.2 Food & Beverage Tax, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Ms. Ruby James, Director of Finance, spoke about the reasons for wanting to discontinue the prompt payment discount.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2024-06 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 51.4 Local Motor Fuel Tax, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2024-07 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 51.5 Hotel Use Tax, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2024-08 Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 52 Alcoholic Liquor, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Clay Gerhard, Director of the Decatur Park District, answered questions from Council members regarding the request from the tenants of the Lake Decatur marina to obtain a liquor license to sell packaged liquor.

Council members expressed their views concerning the issuance of a liquor license to the tenants of the Lake Decatur marina.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Council members Dennis Cooper and Pat McDaniel voted nay. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

2024-09 Ordinance Creating City Code Chapter 70.2 Registration of At Risk Properties, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Mr. Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager, discussed the purpose and benefits of a property registration Ordinance and answered questions from Council members.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-21 Resolution Authorizing a Professional Service Agreement with Hera Property Registry, LLC., was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-22 Resolution Authorizing Subrecipient Agreement Between the Decatur Park District and the City of Decatur for Garfield Park Improvements Community Development Block Grant-COVID (CDBG-CV), was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Council members expressed their support of the Garfield Park improvements.

Mr. Clay Gerhard, Director of the Decatur Park District, answered questions from Council members about park hours.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-23 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with E.L. Pruitt Co., for the Decatur Public Library Chiller Replacement Project, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members about other potential improvements at the library.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-24 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Northeast Community Fund for the Small Home Improvement Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Mr. Cordaryl Patrick, Director of Community and Economic Development, answered questions from Council members about the funding source and number of projects.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-25 Resolution Approving an Agreement with Walker Consultants Professional Engineering Services for Downtown Parking Structure Concept Design Study, City Project 2024-26, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-26 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with A&R Mechanical Services, Inc. dba A&R Services Inc. for Faries Park Interceptor Relocation Project, City Project 2022-12, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-27 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with C-Hill Civil Contractors, Inc and Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Funds for the Grove Road Bridge over Sand Creek Arm of Lake Decatur, Section Number 19-00934-00-BR City Project 2019-34, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-28 Resolution Authorizing a Construction Engineering Services Agreement with WHKS and Co. and Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Rebuild Illinois (RBI) Funds for the Grove Road Bridge Over Sand Creek Arm of Lake Decatur Section Number 19-00934-00-BR City

Project 2019-34, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-29 Resolution Accepting the Bid and Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Reyhan Bros., Inc. dba Sangamo Construction Company and Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the West Mound Road Bridge over Stevens Creek, Section Number 19-00935-00-BR City Project 2019-33, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the Resolution.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

R2024-30 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Loan Documents for a Five-Year Lead Service Line Replacement Project, City Project 2023-20, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Culp.

Mr. Matt Newell, Director of Public Works, gave an overview of the Resolution and answered questions from Council members regarding lead testing.

Upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Consent Agenda Calendar Items A. through O. and asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. No Council member wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda Calendar. The Clerk read Items A. through O.:

2024-10 Item A. Ordinance Annexing Territory 1990 East Grove Road

2024-11 Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2909 South Laura Street

2024-12 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2234 Mesa Drive

2024-13 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2180 South Shores Drive

2024-14 Item E. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3062 Tempe Drive

2024-15 Item F. Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 56 Refuse and Recyclables Removal

R2024-31 Item G. Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

R2024-32 Item H. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 1242 N. Monroe St

R2024-33 Item I. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 2052 E. William St

R2024-34 Item J. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 945 E. William St

R2024-35 Item K. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Steve's Trucking for the Demolition of 524 S. Haworth St

R2024-36 Item L. Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Lisa Bonnett

R2024-37 Item M. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Backhoe Loader from Altorfer, Inc.

R2024-38 Item N. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Chipper from Vermeer Sales & Service

R2024-39 Item O. Resolution Authorizing a Letter of Amendment to the Construction and Maintenance Agreement with the Illinois Central Railroad Company for the Brush College Road Grade Separation Project, City Project 2009-33, Section No. 09-00933-01-BR

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through O. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Culp, and on call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

With no other New Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Other Business.

With no Other Business, Mayor Moore Wolfe called for adjournment.

Councilwoman Gregory moved the City Council meeting be adjourned, seconded by Councilman Culp and upon call of the roll, Council members Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn, Ed Culp and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Approved February 20, 2024
Kim Althoff
City Clerk