

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2024

On Monday, March 4, 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 Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory and David Horn. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared a quorum present.

City Manager Scot Wrighton attended the meeting as well.

Mayor Moore Wolfe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Robert Archer presented a proclamation proclaiming March 2024 as “DeMolay Month” in the City of Decatur.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for Appearance of Citizens.

The following citizens provided comments to the Council: Russell Fort, James Taylor, William Mollohan, David Johnson, Patrick McBride, Michael Hartwig, Suzanne Beltz, Bret Robertson, Ayn Owens, Sherry Evans, John Ritchhart, Abeer Motan, Ron White and Catherine Genet.

Council members responded to comments from citizens.

The minutes of the February 12, 2024, City Council Study Session were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn and Mayor Moore Wolfe voted aye. Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the motion carried.

The minutes of the February 20, 2024, City Council Meeting were presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the minutes be approved as written; seconded by Councilman Kuhle and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn 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.

Mayor Moore Wolfe called for a discussion on Premium Yard Waste Services.

City Manager Wrighton opened the discussion with a brief overview of premium yard waste services being offered by garbage haulers.

Mr. Eric Shangraw and Mr. Dave Schaab, Municipal Marketing Managers for GFL Environmental and Waste Management, respectively, were present to answer questions about the services they provide.

Mr. Patrick McBride and Ms. Molly Shade voiced concerns about the changes in premium yard waste services.

Council members expressed their concerns and requested changes to the current services being offered.

R2024-66 Resolution Authorizing a Sourcewell Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Roadlazer RoadPak Paint Sprayer, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-67 Resolution Authorizing Stipulated Agreement 2309 Concerning Safety Improvements at the At-Grade Crossing with the Illinois Central Railroad Company at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and Wood Street, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

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

R2024-68 Resolution Authorizing Stipulated Agreement 2307 Concerning Safety Improvements at the At-Grade Crossing with the Illinois Central Railroad Company at Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Near Peoria Avenue, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

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

2024-24 Ordinance Authorizing the City of Decatur of Macon County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Ordinance do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Ordinance.

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

R2024-69 Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Decatur and the Macon County Conservation District for Assistance with Controlled Burning, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

R2024-70 Resolution Accepting the Cummins Midstate Power Inc. Quote for the Rebuild of the Engine for Fire Truck #366, was presented. Councilwoman Gregory moved the Resolution do pass, seconded by Councilman Kuhle.

City Manager Wrighton gave an overview of the Resolution.

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

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

2024-25 Item A. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2801 Southland Road
2024-26 Item B. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2222 South Shores Drive
2024-27 Item C. Ordinance Annexing Territory 2981 Turpin Road
2024-28 Item D. Ordinance Annexing Territory 3030 Turpin Road
R2024-71 Item E. Resolution Authorizing Action Regarding Unsafe Structures

Councilwoman Gregory moved Items A. through E. be approved by Omnibus Vote; seconded by Councilman Kuhle, and on call of the roll, Council members Chuck Kuhle, Ed

Culp, Dennis Cooper, Pat McDaniel, Lisa Gregory, David Horn 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.

Ms. Wendy Morthland, Corporation Counsel, answered questions from Council members regarding the lift assist ordinance.

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

Mayor Moore Wolfe declared the regular Council meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Approved March 18, 2024
Kim Althoff
City Clerk