Pursuant to Chapter 2 “City Council”, Section 2.05 “Special Meetings”, of the Municipal Code of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, the DeKalb City Council held a Special meeting on June 1, 2021, in the Yusunas meeting room at the DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Barnes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Assistant Ruth Scott called the roll, and the following members of City Council were present: Alderman Barb Larson, Alderman Tracy Smith, Alderman Scott McAdams, Alderman Tony Faivre, and Mayor Cohen Barnes. Alderman Greg Perkins was not present during roll call but arrived at 5:01 p.m. Alderman Carolyn Morris and Alderman Mike Verbic were absent.

Staff present included City Manager Bill Nicklas and City Engineer Zac Gill.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Alderman Faivre moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Alderman McAdams.

VOTE


D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

E. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2021-044 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for $1,488,484.35 in Economic Development Program Funding to Improve the Intersection of Illinois Route 23 and Gurler Road.

Mayor Barnes read the resolution by title only.

MOTION: Alderman Faivre moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Alderman McAdams.

City Manager Nicklas provided an overview of this item, stating that the State of Illinois has offered the City the opportunity to utilize the Illinois Department of Transportation’s (IDOT) Economic Development Program (EDP) in order to support the new industrial development and the anticipated additional stress/safety concerns at the intersection of Illinois Route 23 and Gurler Road by way of entering into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) in the form
of a grant. This will allow the City to orchestrate a significant public improvement to the road network while protecting local capital funds by pulling from State and private financial contributions.

Alderman Smith asked about the timeline of the project. City Engineer Gill stated the hope is to proceed by August to at least start the widening of the pavement and striping in. He added that traffic signal posts may take longer due to shortages of certain metals.

There was no further discussion.

VOTE


F. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Alderman Smith moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alderman Perkins.

VOTE

Motion carried by a 6-0-2 roll call vote. Aye: Larson, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Faivre, Mayor Barnes. Nay: None. Absent: Morris, Verbic. Mayor Barnes declared the motion passed and adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Scott, Executive Assistant

Minutes approved by City Council on June 14, 2021.