The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois held a Regular City Council meeting on June 22, 2020, in the Yusunas Meeting Room of the DeKalb Public Library, 309 Oak Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Smith announced all City Council members were attending in person, and City Clerk Lynn Fazekas was attending remotely. However, a technical issue prevented Clerk Fazekas from accessing audio during the first few minutes of the meeting. Mayor Smith called upon the executive assistant to call the roll, and she took roll call votes for agenda approval and consent agenda approval as well, after which audio capability was restored.

Executive Assistant Ruth Scott called the roll, and the following Council members were present: Alderman Carolyn Morris, Alderman Bill Finucane, Alderman Tracy Smith, Alderman Greg Perkins, Alderman Scott McAdams, Alderman Mike Verbic, Alderman Tony Faivre, and Mayor Jerry Smith.

Others present included: City Manager Bill Nicklas.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Mayor Smith led the Pledge.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the agenda if there were no additions or deletions to be made.

MOTION
Alderman Finucane moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Faivre seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the agenda approved.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was none.

E. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

F. APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Executive Session Minutes.
5. Investment and Bank Balance Summary through April 2020.
6. Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures through April 2020.

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda unless a Council member wanted to remove an item for separate consideration. He did not read the consent agenda items.

MOTION
Alderman Morris moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Perkins seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the consent agenda approved.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.
I. CONSIDERATIONS


Brian LeFevre, partner, presented the material. He began by noting that the Government Finance Officers Association has awarded DeKalb a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2018 CAFR, which makes 26 years the City has earned the award. He then explained there are two standards at play in this reporting, audit procedural standards and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) rules for how the financial documents should be presented. Mr. LeFevre also explained that the audit by itself is considered an annual financial report, and the addition of the introductory and statistical sections is what makes the annual report comprehensive.

Mr. LeFevre then reviewed the City’s net position, fund balances, and pension fund performance. He called the 2019 budget structurally good, meaning the City could afford the services it was providing.

Alderman Morris asked what percentage of cities get the Certificate of Achievement, and Mr. LeFevre said less than 10% throughout the country receive it.

J. RESOLUTIONS


Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION
Alderman McAdams moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Faivre seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the resolution passed.

2. Resolution 2020-060 Authorizing an Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Hampton, Lenzini, and Renwick for City Bridge Inspections in an Amount Not to Exceed $23,614.

Mayor Smith read resolution by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Smith moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the resolution passed.

3. Resolution 2020-061 Authorizing the Sale of Real Property Located at 715 N. 11th Street (PIN 08-23-203-013) in the Amount of $6,000.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Finucane moved to pass the resolution. Alderman Smith seconded.

VOTE

4. Resolution 2020-062 Authorizing an Addendum to the Non-Exclusive License Agreement for the Installation of Underground Fiber Optic Facilities within the Public Right-of-Way for the Annie Glidden North Broadband Infrastructure Project.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Morris moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the resolution passed.

5. Resolution 2020-063 Authorizing an Architectural Improvement Program (AIP) Economic Incentive for Helen’s Hair Designs, Located at 147 N. 2nd Street, in the Amount of $775.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Smith moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Morris seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the resolution passed.

6. Resolution 2020-064 Authorizing an Architectural Improvement Program (AIP) Economic Incentive for Sam and Jacqui Finch, Owners of Finch Funeral Home, Located at 310 Oak Street, in the Amount of $9,888.50.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Finucane moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the resolution passed.

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

1. Ordinance 2020-041 Approving a Rezoning from “CBD” Central Business District to “PD-C” Planned Development – Commercial District, and Approving a Preliminary and Final Development Plan to Allow for a Building Contractor’s Office and Materials Storage at 421 Grove Street (Christa and Matt Gehrke).

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION
Alderman McAdams moved to approve the ordinance. Alderman Morris seconded.

VOTE

L. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING


Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Smith moved to approve first reading. Alderman Faivre seconded.
VOTE

MOTION
Alderman Finucane moved to waive second reading and approve the ordinance. Alderman Smith seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the ordinance passed.

2. Ordinance 2020-044 Authorizing an Amendment to the Special Use Permit Approved by Ordinance 2017-031 in Order to Extend the Timeframe for a Modular Classroom to Remain on the Site at 1121 School Street (Littlejohn Elementary School).

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION
Alderman Smith moved to approve first reading. Alderman Morris seconded.

City Manager Nicklas noted a Planning & Zoning recommendation for approval with a time limit of three years.

VOTE

MOTION
Alderman Finucane moved to waive second reading and approve the ordinance. Alderman Faivre seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the ordinance passed.

M. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Council Member Reports
Alderman Morris commented on the modular classroom ordinance, stating the City should consider equity in other areas of the community, not just police brutality issues. She emphasized importance of education, especially early education, noting the achievement gap begins at age three. Alderman Morris then turned her attention to the Annie Glidden North neighborhood, supporting the AGN recommendation to reduce population density and the building of a pocket park on the site of the Edgebrook property that is to be demolished.

Alderman Perkins encouraged a path forward with community input. He also expressed his liking for meeting at the library.

Alderman Faivre said he is looking forward to seeing what comes of the Committee of the Whole meeting that took place earlier that evening, as well as the Human Relations Committee meeting.

Mayor Smith thanked the technical crew for its work in the new meeting venue, and he welcomed the new police officers.

2. City Clerk Report

Clerk Fazekas thanked the technical crew for its work.

3. City Manager Report

City Manager Nicklas thanked the library’s executive director and introduced the City’s new account manager.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS (120/2)

No executive session was authorized during this meeting.

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION
Following completion of business, Alderman Morris moved to adjourn. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE
Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared adjournment at 7:11 p.m.
Approved by City Council: July 13, 2020.