

**MINUTES
CITY OF DEKALB
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 24, 2019**

The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois held a Regular City Council meeting on June 24, 2019, in the City Council Chambers of the DeKalb Municipal Building, 200 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, Illinois.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

City Clerk Lynn Fazekas called the roll, and the following members of City Council were present: Alderman Carolyn Morris, Alderman Bill Finucane, Alderman Tracy Smith, Alderman Pat Fagan, Alderman Scott McAdams, Alderman Mike Verbic, Alderman Tony Faivre, and Mayor Jerry Smith.

Staff present included: City Manager Bill Nicklas, Assistant City Manager Ray Munch, Principal Planner Dan Olson, Assistant Public Works Director Bryan Faivre, Community Services Coordinator Joanne Rouse, and Transit Manager Marcus Cox.

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

City Attorney John Donahue led the Pledge.

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Smith asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. None were offered.

MOTION

Alderman Smith moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Fagan seconded.

VOTE

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

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Embrey, organizer of the inaugural Balloons, Brews and Blues event at the airport last weekend, thanked City staff and other participants. He estimated attendance at 1,000 to 1,500.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Hope Haven FY2019 Human Services Funding Report by Vocational Coordinator Michael Newman.

Mr. Newman reported progress in bringing average shelter stays under the 90-day limit. He attributed success to an increased level of funding for services.

F. APPOINTMENTS

1. Reappointment of Joe Mitchell to the DeKalb Public Library Board for a Three-Year Term (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022).
2. Reappointment of Susan Richter to the DeKalb Public Library Board for a Three-Year Term (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022).
3. Reappointment of Gary Vander Meer to the DeKalb Public Library Board for a Three-Year Term (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022).

Mayor Smith asked if anyone objected to making the reappointments in omnibus form. No one objected.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to approve the appointments in omnibus fashion. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE

Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Smith, Fagan, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Mayor Smith. Nay: none.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 28, 2019.
2. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 10, 2019.
3. Accounts Payable and Payroll through June 24, 2019 in the Amount of \$2,689,408.63.
4. Investment and Bank Balance Summary through April 2019.
5. Year-to-Date Revenues and Expenditures through April 2019.
6. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Report – May 2019.

Mayor Smith asked if any Council member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. No one responded. The Mayor read the consent agenda items by their titles.

MOTION

Alderman Morris moved to pass the consent agenda. Alderman McAdams seconded.

VOTE

Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Fagan, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Mayor Smith. Nay: none.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (One Year Use of Funds) for Program Year 26 (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020).

Mayor Smith read the title of the hearing and opened the hearing at 6:15 p.m.

As no one expressed a wish to speak, Mayor Smith closed the hearing at 6:17 p.m.

2. Annexation Agreement for Property Located at 1827 Pleasant Street (ComEd).

Mayor Smith read the title of the hearing and opened the hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Scott Saef, attorney for the petitioner, offered to answer questions or give more detail. He asked that Council waive second reading on the ordinance pass it this evening.

Com Ed representative George Gaulrapp brought up the related matter of an easement that should move forward within 30 days, he said.

City Manager Nicklas explained that the property involved lies partly in DeKalb County and partly in the City and that the space will allow for upgrades to the electricity substation to improve service reliability. He said the agreement includes waivers because the facility won't require bathrooms or as much paved area as the typical construction project.

After ascertaining no one else wanted to speak to the topic, Mayor Smith closed the hearing at 6:23 p.m.

I. CONSIDERATIONS

There were none.

J. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2019-099 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Lease and Operating Agreement with Barb City Manor, 680 Haish Boulevard.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Morris moved to pass the resolution. Alderman Finucane seconded.

Maureen Gerrity, Barb City Manor administrator, summarized the improvements made to BCM thanks to City funds, grants, and donations. She said future City funds would be committed to long-range improvements.

Resident Bessie Chronopoulos urged Council to support the proposed option. She said good planning practices and desire for stability have contributed to a well-run facility.

VOTE

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

2. Resolution 2019-100 Authorizing an Architectural Improvement Program (AIP) Economic Incentive for Lincoln 311, LLC, Located at 311 E. Lincoln Highway, in the Amount of \$25,000.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Faivre moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Fagan seconded.

Alderman Faivre disclosed a relationship with the applicant but said he would not recuse himself from the vote because he will not personally benefit from the arrangement.

VOTE

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

3. Resolution 2019-101 Authorizing an Architectural Improvement Program (AIP) Economic Incentive for 240 East Lincoln Highway, LLC, Located at 240 E. Lincoln Highway, in the Amount of \$4,500.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Smith moved to pass the resolution. Alderman Faivre seconded.

VOTE

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

4. Resolution 2019-102 Authorizing the Solicitation and Execution of Real Property Marketing/Listing Agreements for the City Properties Located at 1101 N. First Street and 822 E. Lincoln Highway.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Verbic moved to pass the resolution. Alderman Faivre seconded.

City Manager Nicklas said the discussion about relocating DeKalb's city hall has prompted some interest in City-owned properties.

VOTE

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

5. Resolution 2019-103 Amending Section 1 of Resolution 2018-162 Revising the Process for Licensure of Food and Beverage Vending Vehicles to Extend the Effective Date to September 30, 2019.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman McAdams moved to pass the resolution. Alderman Fagan seconded.

VOTE

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

6. Resolution 2019-104 Approving the Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (One Year Use of Funds) for Program Year 26 (April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020).

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

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

VOTE

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

7. Resolution 2019-105 Authorizing an Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Fagan moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Faivre seconded.

VOTE

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

8. Resolution 2019-106 Authorizing the Waiver of Complete Bidding and Execution of an Agreement with Layne Christensen Company for Maintenance Inspection and Repair to Well No. 10 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,000.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Faivre moved to pass the resolution. Alderman Smith seconded.

City Manager Nicklas said the well serves much of the west side of the city. He said staff were asking for authorization to waive competitive bidding.

Assistant Public Works Director Faivre confirmed a similar situation came up last year. He says the Department needs to use Layne because servicing the type of motor involved requires a special certification.

VOTE

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

9. Resolution 2019-107 Authorizing an Agreement with Tip Top Roofing for Replacement of a Roof at the City's Seventh Street Water Treatment Plant in an Amount of \$19,220 with Staff Authority to Approve Change Orders up to \$19,872.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Verbic moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Fagan seconded.

VOTE

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

10. Resolution 2019-108 Authorizing the Transfer of Two Rolling Stock Public Transit Vehicles from the City of DeKalb to Pace.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Morris seconded.

City Manager Nicklas said the transfer would eliminate a requirement to return federal dollars for failing to use the vehicles for a specified period of time.

VOTE

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

11. Resolution 2019-109 Approving a Grocery Store - Small Liquor License for the New Aldi Inc., d/b/a Aldi, Location at 2540 Sycamore Road.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

Alderman McAdams moved to approve the resolution. Alderman Fagan seconded.

VOTE

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

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

There were none.

L. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

1. Ordinance 2019-046 authorizing an Annexation and Development Agreement, Annexing Certain Property, Rezoning to PD-I “Planned Development Industrial”, and Approving Plans for the Property Located at 1827 Pleasant Street (Commonwealth Edison Company).

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION

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

VOTE

Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Finucane, Smith, Fagan, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared passage of first reading.

MOTION

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

Alderman Verbic asked about the construction timeline and recommended not waiving second reading for the sake of keeping the matter before the public for a longer time.

VOTE

Motion carried 7-1 on roll call vote. Aye: Smith, Fagan, McAdams, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Mayor Smith. Nay: Verbic. Mayor Smith declared the ordinance passed.

M. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Council Member Reports

Alderman Morris announced a “double dutch” organization meeting once per week as a fun mentoring exercise. The group is working on getting grants for jump ropes. Alderman Morris also announced her first ward meeting would take place July 2.

Mayor Smith reported on several events from the past weekend, including a motorcycle motorcade that stopped by several facilities over the weekend to visit with senior veterans. The Mayor also announced upcoming events such as DeKalb Municipal Band activities.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Fazekas announced new postings at City Barbs Facebook Group, the start of an informal ethics ordinance discussion, and a fillable Council Speaker Request Form now available at the City’s website.

3. City Manager Report

The City Manager gave no report.

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

1. Approval to Hold an Executive Session to Discuss Executive Session Minutes as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Mayor Smith read the item and requested a motion to recess for closed session.

MOTION

Alderman Fagan moved to recess for executive session. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE

Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Fagan, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared a recess for executive session at 7:18 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Council returned to open session at 7:43 p.m.

MOTION

Alderman Finucane moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:43 p.m. Alderman Faivre seconded.

VOTE

Motion carried on majority voice vote. Mayor Smith declared the Regular meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

LYNN A. FAZEKAS, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: July 8, 2019.