The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois held a Regular City Council meeting on September 9, 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 6:50 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 Raymond Munch, Interim Police Chief John Petragallo, Principal Planner Dan Olson, Transit Manager Marcus Cox, City Engineer Zac Gill, and City Attorney John Donahue.

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 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 agenda approved as presented.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Steve Kapitan complimented Chief Petragallo on his handling of a recent, controversial arrest.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Adventure Works FY2019 Human Services Funding Report by Executive Director Lynette Spencer.
Ms. Spencer said the agency’s work addresses childrens’ poverty of experiences. She showed a video of “adventure therapy” and talked about the history of the agency, including accreditation of its programs and partnerships that support its success.

F. APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 12, 2019.
3. Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of the City Council Committee of the Whole and Finance Advisory Committee of August 16, 2019.
5. Accounts Payable and Payroll through September 9, 2019 in the Amount of $1,875,953.15.

Mayor Smith read the consent agenda in its entirety.

MOTION

Alderman McAdams moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Faivre 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 consent agenda passed.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

I. CONSIDERATIONS


City Manager Nicklas introduced Elizabeth Hennessy, who is managing director of public finance at Raymond James. Ms. Hennessy said DeKalb’s 2010B bonds become callable at the beginning of 2020. She said the City may want to refinance because interest rates are low, and this would result in significant savings without lengthening the term of repayment. Ms. Hennessy said the firm recommends a private placement in this case, saying costs would be less than a public offering.
2. Consideration of Minor Reorganizations in the Community Development and Public Works Departments.

The City Manager said he is using savings from attrition to fund the changes, and that he is seeking permission to change the City’s organizational chart accordingly.

MOTION

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

VOTE


J. RESOLUTIONS


Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

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

Alderman Fagan left the room to recuse himself.

VOTE


2. Resolution 2019-134 Authorizing the Third and Final Renewal of the Voluntary Action Center Transit Provider Contract for a One-Year Term from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 with an Allocation of State Fiscal Year 2020 State and Federal Grant Funds Not to Exceed $3,674,593.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

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

Alderman Smith left the room to recuse himself.
VOTE


3. Resolution 2019-135 Authorizing a Highway Authority Agreement as Prescribed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency with DeKalb Forge Company Regarding Previous Ground Contamination at 1832 Pleasant Street.

Mayor Smith read the resolution by title only.

MOTION

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

VOTE


K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

1. Ordinance 2019-057 Authorizing a Zoning Map Amendment from the “LI” Light Industrial District to the “PD-C” Planned Development – Commercial District, and Approving a Planned Development Preliminary and Final Plan Agreement (204 N. Fourth Street and 420 Oak Street – Agora Tower – Mooney Property) (PNG Development, LLC).

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION

Alderman Morris moved to pass the ordinance. Alderman Smith seconded.

Alderman Fagan left the room to recuse himself.

VOTE


L. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

MOTION

Alderman McAdams moved to pass first reading. Alderman Fagan seconded.

Steve Kapitan noted the amount of the debt, $3.9 million, is the same now as in 2010. He requested his Alderman ask whether the City has made principal and interest payments, and whether the cost of the refunding is separate from the expected savings.

Ms. Hennessy confirmed the interest payments have been paid and that the savings presented are net of the cost of refunding. She said the cost of issuance is estimated at $29,750 for the private placement approach.

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: Smith, Fagan, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the ordinance passed.

M. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Council Member Reports

Alderman Finucane congratulated the DeKalb Barbs for winning the First National Challenge.

Alderman Fagan said he’d rather be talking about housing issues than the Clerk’s position.

Alderman Faivre announced the upcoming DeKalb Corn Classic race, and said teams are new for this year.

Mayor Smith announced upcoming Rotary and Annie Glidden group events.

2. City Clerk Report
Clerk Fazekas observed that a comment made earlier, about how much more quickly people can obtain permits in a neighboring community, necessarily must have referred to a municipality having a full-time elected clerk with a deputy.

3. City Manager Report

The City Manager made no report.

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

1. Personnel as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

2. Executive Session Minutes as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

3. Pending or imminent litigation.

Mayor Smith read each item to be authorized for executive session.

MOTION

Alderman Faivre moved to recess for executive session. Alderman Fagan 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 at 7:49 p.m.

O. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Following adjournment of the executive session, Alderman McAdams moved to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:22 p.m. Alderman Verbic seconded.

VOTE

Motion carried on majority voice vote. Mayor Smith declared adjournment at 8:22 p.m.

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LYNN A. FAZEKAS, City Clerk

Approved by City Council: September 23, 2019.