

**MINUTES  
CLOSED SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF DEKALB  
April 27, 2009**

The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois, held a closed session on April 27, 2009 in the DeKalb Municipal Building, Room 201, 200 South Fourth Street, DeKalb, Illinois. The closed session was called by a majority vote of City Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting of the same day.

The closed session started at 6:47 p.m. Council members in attendance were: Acting Mayor Kris Povlsen, Alderman Bertrand Simpson, Alderman Tom Teresinski, Alderman Victor Wogen, Alderman Donna Gorski, Alderman Ronald Naylor, Alderman David Baker and Alderman Brent Keller.

Also present were: Mark Biernacki, City Manager; Rudy Espiritu, Assistant City Manager; Norma Guess, City Attorney; Bill Feithen Police Chief; Joel Maurer, Director of Engineering Services; Sue Guio, Community Services Planner; and Donna Johnson, City Clerk.

**LAND ACQUISITION, 5 ILCS 120/2(5):** *(Released: July 9, 2018)*

Mr. Biernacki reported that additional grant funds would be available to buy more flood prone property. The funding is specific to six properties that were listed when the grant application was submitted and can not be changed even though Council has subsequently changed priorities. He noted that a 25% match by the City is required. Community Development Block Grant funds may only be used for blighted property. The home on Fairmont Drive that floods is not in a blighted area, but staff will try to have it declared to be spot blighted. Mr. Biernacki also advised there is \$200,000 available through the bond anticipation note that has not been used for the purchase of a new police facility. It is a possible source for match funds, but it would have to be repaid.

Ald. Naylor reminded Council there are even more homes that are prone to flooding problems. He suggested looking at the possibility of a bond issue to purchase those properties now and pay back over a period of time.

Following discussion, Acting Mayor Povlsen concluded that staff could move forward with the purchases to acquire more information on the cost to the City and means to pay the City share. Council concurred.

**MOTION**

Ald. Naylor moved to recess the closed session till after the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote. Acting Mayor Povlsen declared the motion passed and the session recessed at 6:59 p.m.

The closed session reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

**REAL ESTATE, 5 ILCS 120/2(6):** *(Released: July 9, 2018)*

Mr. Biernacki explained a proposal to have space available in the downtown business area that could be leased to restaurants for out door dining. The lease fee would be 90 cents per square foot per year. The City would acquire a commitment by means of a lease document prior to arranging for the necessary street work as part of the revitalization plan. Following discussion, Council concurred with proceeding.

**PENDING LITIGATION 5 ILCS 120/2(11):** *(Released: July 9, 2018)*

Ms. Guess explained the circumstances of a law suit filed by Nick Harold and Sean Harold against South Elgin and the City of DeKalb. She believed the City would be released from the case fairly quickly as the primary charges involved South Elgin. Since this will be held in a federal court, she asked for approval to have an outside attorney represent DeKalb, and again advised it should be a brief matter for DeKalb. Council concurred with proceeding.

**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING 5 ILCS 120/2(2):** *(Released: July 9, 2018)*

Mr. Biernacki reported he had met with AFSCME, Fire and Management employees about the need for wage concessions in lieu of employee lay-offs. A meeting with Police employees is scheduled for Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The proposed new fiscal year budget would be made public on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**PERSONNEL 5 ILCS (120/1(1):**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ald. Simpson moved to adjourn the closed session; seconded by Ald. Gorski. Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote. The closed session adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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**DONNA S. JOHNSON, City Clerk**

Approved: October 25, 2010  
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