

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DEKALB  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

The City Council of DeKalb, Illinois held a Regular City Council meeting on November 9, 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 p.m.

City Clerk Lynn Fazekas (attending remotely) called the roll, and the following members of City Council 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.

Staff present included: City Manager Bill Nicklas and Transit Manager Marcus Cox.

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

The City played a music video for the audience entitled, "God Bless the USA."

Alderman Morris and Alderman Faivre led the Pledge.

Mayor Smith announced a Veterans Day event at Memorial Park at 11 a.m.

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**MOTION**

Alderman Morris 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**

1. Appointment of William Garver to the DeKalb Public Library Board for a Three Year Term through June 30, 2023.

Mayor Smith read the title of the appointment.

### **MOTION**

Alderman Smith moved to approve the appointment. Alderman McAdams seconded.

### **VOTE**

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

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 26, 2020.
2. Minutes of the Joint Review Board Meeting of July 31, 2020.
3. Accounts Payable and Payroll through November 9, 2020, in the Amount of \$2,338,616.09.

Mayor Smith read each item of the consent agenda.

### **MOTION**

Alderman Verbic moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Faivre seconded.

### **VOTE**

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

## **I. CONSIDERATIONS**

There were none.

## **J. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution 2020-121 Establishing an Estimated Annual Tax Levy Ceiling for the Tax Year 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: Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Faivre, Morris, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared the resolution approved.

## **K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

There were none.

## **L. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

1. Ordinance 2020-067 Authorizing the Northern Illinois University Annual Contribution for Integrated Transit Services.

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

### **MOTION**

Alderman McAdams moved to approve first reading. Alderman Finucane seconded.

Alderman Faivre asked what was taken into consideration for expenses for next year, such as COVID impact.

Transit Manager Cox said the university requested determination of its contribution based on the fact service would operate by the contract standards, and some fluctuation is anticipated.

### **VOTE**

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

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

2. Ordinance 2020-068 Approving a Special Use Permit for 2022 Sycamore Road for a Video Gaming Establishment (CJ's Gaming).

Mayor Smith read the ordinance by title only.

**MOTION**

Alderman McAdams moved to approve first reading. Alderman Finucane 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 passage of first reading.

**MOTION**

Alderman Perkins moved to waive second reading and approve the ordinance. Alderman Morris seconded.

**VOTE**

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

**M. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Council Member Reports

Alderman Morris reported she attended the Economic Development Commission meeting. She said EDC is making some recommendations, for example to hold meetings every other month and to use Zoom for meetings.

Alderman Faivre complimented the City on its leaf collection, noting there will be one more pickup the following week if the weather allows.

Mayor Smith reminded all of Veterans Day at Memorial Park. He also extended condolences to the family of Sycamore Alderman Richard Kramer.

2. City Clerk Report

City Clerk Fazekas gave no report.

### 3. City Manager Report

City Manager Nicklas reported five Public Works employees were quarantined and said this might somewhat affect the tidiness of leaf collection. He also announced the joint meeting of City Council and Finance Advisory Committee the following Monday.

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

Approval to hold an executive session in order to discuss:

1. Personnel as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and
2. Pending or Imminent Litigation as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Mayor Smith read the items to be discussed and asked for a motion to recess.

#### **MOTION**

Alderman Finucane moved to recess for executive session. Alderman Faivre seconded.

#### **VOTE**

Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote. Aye: Faivre, Morris, Finucane, Smith, Perkins, McAdams, Verbic, Mayor Smith. Nay: none. Mayor Smith declared a recess at 6:32 p.m.

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

Following completion of executive session, Alderman Perkins moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman McAdams 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 adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

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LYNN A. FAZEKAS, City Clerk

Approved by the City Council on November 23, 2020.