



# CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

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## **Decatur City Council to bring back Tim Gleason as City Manager**

Decatur, IL – Pending official vote, the Decatur City Council is poised to bring back Tim Gleason as the next City Manager.

Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe announced the Council's intention to hire Gleason at a press conference Thursday afternoon. Current City Manager Scot Wrighton is retiring in May 2024. Gleason previously served as Decatur City Manager for 3.5 years from 2015-2018. He left Decatur to take the City Manager job for the City of Bloomington, IL, and would now return after nearly six years there. Gleason said he chose Decatur despite an offer to stay in Bloomington and one to take the same job in Florence, AZ.

His salary would be \$230,000 annually. Other notable benefits include six weeks paid vacation, and a \$650 monthly vehicle allowance that will be transferred to a deferred compensation retirement plan. Additionally, Gleason would get one year to establish permanent residency and \$20,000 toward relocation expenses, as Moore Wolfe said he is looking for a home within the City limits, but he may choose to build. Full details of the employment contract will be included in the City Council packet for the April 1, 2024 meeting.

Before his first stint in Decatur, Gleason held positions as the City Administrator for the City of Washington, IL, a Deputy Director of the IL Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), and a law enforcement officer for the City of Pekin for 21 years.

An official vote on Gleason's employment contract is planned for the April 1, 2024 City Council meeting. If hired, his projected start date is May 6, 2024.

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