

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers 172 N. 2nd Street. The meeting was called to order by the newly elected Mayor, Ken Meyer. Roll call showed board members Cameron Collier and Bill Karbach, who were appointed by Mayor Meyer were present. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the December 15th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Bids were solicited for tree stump removal on December 21st. Bids received were from Thieme's Takedown Tree Service for \$1.20 per inch, and Logan's Stump Removal for \$1.25 per inch. Karbach made a motion to accept the bid from Thieme's. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Council members, Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp and Wylie Sirk attended the meeting.

A Tort Claim Notice was hand delivered to the Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright on December 30th from the office of Attorney Adam Miller of Miller, Burry & Brown, P.C. Whitright distributed copies to the council members listed. The claim is in reference to a fall of Brad Logan on city sidewalk at 221 N. 3rd Street on July 8, 2015. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward the notice to the City's insurance carrier.

The Mayor announced the State of the City will be held at Woodcrest on Monday, January 11th at 11:45 a.m., and the Annual Chamber of Commerce dinner will be held on Thursday, February 4th. Members are to contact the Mayor if interested in attending.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker gave an update on property acquisitions for the Sewer Interceptor Project. The City Engineer, Nate Rumschlag reported the target date for bids for this project will be in March.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby reported the Greater Decatur Committee was notified of a webinar on Wednesday, January 13th, which explains the rules to apply for Stellar in 2016. The Letter of Interest (LOI) is due by March 11th. Melissa Norby will watch the webinar and anyone else interested, is also welcome to attend. No decisions have been made at this time if the City will apply for Stellar in 2016.

Norby also reported she is working on Phase I with Kevin McCrory of Jones Petrie Rafinski (JPR) for a \$400,000.00 OCRA grant for downtown streetscape improvements, which is due in June. Phase I will require clearance from seven (7) other state agencies.

Board of Works/Council member, Cameron Collier announced that St. Francis College is interested in partnering with the City of Decatur for a \$200,000.00 arts grant.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby and Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert handed out cost estimates for two (2) INDOT projects that were listed in the Strategic Community Investment Plan; the Monroe Street Bridge/St. Mary's Gateway, and also Five Points Roundabout. Members discussed whether or not to move forward on these projects. By consensus, Gilbert was directed to schedule a meeting with INDOT to discuss these projects, and Norby will contact the committee in charge of the Five Points Roundabout project to present their revised plan at a future meeting.

The Mayor and the newly elected council members toured the upstairs of City Hall to consider long term renovation plans. No decisions were made at this time.

There being no further business, Collier made a motion for adjournment. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.