

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
January 16, 2018

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Bill Karbach, Councilman Craig Coshow, and Mayor Ken Meyer. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the January 2, 2018 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mike Hendricks of American Structurepoint appeared before the Board regarding the Decatur Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Clarifier Rehabilitation Project. He shared the City staff had scored the following applicants: Bowen, Kokosing, and Thieneman. Scoring was done on six (6) different areas and resulted with 434 points for Bowen, 489 points for Kokosing, and 461 points for Thieneman. Mayor Meyer noted he had received many positive comments from Adams County residents who work for Kokosing. Coshow made a motion for the Board of Works members to sign the notice of acceptance for qualifications from providers of a “guaranteed savings contract” with Kokosing. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. Kokosing will be notified to begin work with the Decatur Wastewater Treatment Plant staff as well as American Structurepoint, (Engineers for the project) to finalize the design and develop guaranteed maximum price.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral and Deputy Police Chief, Mike Mahan appeared before the Board to share that the two latest hires would be taken to Indianapolis on Monday, January 22, 2018 for PERF processing. Chief Corral noted the force is still short one (1) of being fully staffed and that three (3) candidates had been interviewed on Monday evening, January 15, 2018. The three candidates were Seth Colwell, Dennis Bosler, and Korbin Sanderson. Corral and Mahan recommended the hiring of Seth Colwell, a life long resident of Decatur. Colwell had served as a Marine, is married, and has a daughter. Coshow made a motion to accept the recommendation and hire Seth Colwell. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. The Board was then updated on Decatur Police Department happenings as they learned that Officer Busse was going to Iowa for training as the new School Resource Officer. The Department is developing a website, and Chief Corral is seeking a second quote to purchase on-duty firearms. Adams County K-9 Officer Jim Franze will be accompanying the new City K-9 Officer, Corey Hamm to select a new dog. It was shared they have \$8,000 for payment of the canine from Drug Free Adams County. Chief Corral also will work with Community Development Director, Melissa Norby to apply again for a grant for a new officer. Also the Department will be purchasing tactical vests so they are able to carry Narcan in the police vehicles.

Councilmen Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Scott Murray, and Wylie Sirk joined the remainder of the Board of Works meeting for discussion and information purposed only.

A letter was received noting that Heith Fullenkamp had completed his probationary period as a firefighter. A motion was made by Karbach to make the letter a matter of record that Heith Fullenkamp has finished his probationary period and will now be paid the salary of a first class firefighter. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Discussion then turned to the Waterworks bonds. Tom Pitman of Barnes & Thornburg, who is serving as Bond Counsel, had forwarded an engagement letter for bonds to be purchased in two series 2018 and 2020. Fees for Mr. Pitman are \$32,500 for the 2018 bonds and \$25,000

for the 2020 bonds. An engagement letter had also been received from City Attorney, Tim Baker to serve as Local Counsel regarding the issuance of the Waterworks bonds with fees to be half of Mr. Pittman's. Thus, Baker's fees will be \$16,250 and \$12,500 respectively. A motion which is subject to Council approval of the bonds was made by Coshow and seconded by Karbach to give Mayor Meyer the authorization to sign the engagement letters from Tom Pitman of Barnes & Thornburg and City Attorney, Tim Baker of DeVoss, Johnson, Zwick, Baker & Ainsworth. The motion was adopted.

City Attorney Baker then gave an update on various issues. He shared he would get information to Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Karbach regarding the statutes for cutting grass, weeds and vegetation, and putting liens on properties.

Baker shared he had talked with Jodi Woods, Attorney for AIM, regarding any state statute for the disposal of bikes by the Police Department. He noted the Department needed to learn what fair market value is first before disposing of the bikes. The City Attorney will research whether or not the bikes can be donated.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that two (2) of eight (8) homeowners had paid for their grinder pumps to connect to the City sewer along W. Monroe Street. The residents have until January 20, 2018 to purchase the pumps at cost, and then have until March 1, 2018 to get the line and pump installed connecting to the City's sewer line.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared he had met with the County Commissioners regarding a two mile fringe zone. The Commissioners had asked for the City to contact other communities how fringe zones are handled. Mr. Baker shared that regarding agriculture zones he did not feel any warm reception to the idea. He suggested perhaps asking the County to consider putting restriction in their ordinances regarding livestock operations next to city boundaries. Baker also suggested that perhaps the County could work with the City by making the City aware of any issues and giving the City the option to appear before the County Board for input. The Mayor commented that he is in favor of a fringe zone to control construction and keeping streams clean. The County Commissioners and County Plan Commission are the parties that would need to approve a fringe zone.

City Attorney, Tim Baker noted he gets updates regarding legislation before the Indiana General Assembly. He shared two (2) issues of concern. Legislation is being proposed to make it more difficult for cities to regulate locations for small cell facilities and also legislation to make annexation more difficult by eliminating remonstrance periods.

The Cottonwood Mobile Home Park along 13th Street was brought up. It was shared that after Mr. Kos left the meeting on January 2, 2018 he had met with a renter with no heat. However, NIPSCO would not hook up the gas as there was a leak in the line. There were questions regarding the possibility of a state agency that regulates mobile home parks. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent noted he will try to get names and numbers of people to contact. Concern is still about the safety of the residents, but there is also concern about their need for housing. It was decided there are two (2) issues: enforcement and if so, moving people out and where they would go. Karbach shared his concern that the City enforces homeowners they have to clean up their properties, yet the trailer court is in such bad condition.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Coshow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:52 P.M.