

CITY OF DECATUR  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2016

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers 172 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The meeting was called to order by Mayor, Ken Meyer. Roll call showed board members Cameron Collier and Bill Karbach were present. Also present was Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, Wylie Sirk, and City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the January 5th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Collier made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Sheriff, Shane Rekeweg and Fire Chief, Les Marckel were present to start discussing where to locate a new communication tower. Sheriff Rekeweg requested for the City to consider locating the new communication tower at the Decatur Street Department on Elm Street rather than at the jail, due to the height of the tower. The Fire Chief mentioned soil testing will need to be done before a permanent location is chosen. Collier made a motion to proceed with possibly locating the tower at the Street Department. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker updated everyone on the property agreements and easements for the Sewer Interceptor Project. Baker has received commitments from The Grainery, and Ron Franz who now owns the First Merchants Bank property. Baker commented that other properties are still being negotiated, but is expecting to be finished with the purchases by the next meeting. Board of Works & Council members discussed use of the property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street for future river front development.

The City entered into a real estate agreement with Corey Affolder for property at 125 S. First Street for \$35,800.00, as part of the Sewer Interceptor Project. Karbach made a motion to approve the Real Estate Agreement, with Council members to approve the funding at the council meeting. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmen, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk excused themselves from the meeting to review the city's claims.

The City Attorney informed the Board of Works members at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, that Mark Gambil was granted special exception with stipulations to operate a business in a residential district at 839 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, which neighbors were notified and no objections were received.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker reported he had sent a letter to Susan Camp pertaining to the dilapidated garage she owns on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Camp had notified Baker that she had planned to renovate the garage, but didn't, but will cooperate with the City's request.

Building Supt., Roger Gage handed out an estimate from Steamatic of Fort Wayne, Inc. for water damage to a home on Mix Avenue from July of last year. Gage reported the house was lifted off its foundation during the flood of 2015. The property owner's insurance company repaired the

damages to the basement, but with the recent rain, the basement had four feet of water again. After researching the situation, this house was built in the early 50's, which was built over a 15 inch tile drain, which may have caused the basement to flood. The Board members directed Gage to arrange a meeting with the Mayor, the City Attorney and the home owner to discuss the situation.

Councilmen, Coshow, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk attended the Board of Works meeting again.

Community Coordinator, Melissa Norby informed the members that there is not a lot of changes in the funding for Stellar in 2016. If the City were to apply this year, the projects wouldn't begin until fiscal year of 2020. There would be no additional funding, and the consensus of the Greater Decatur Committee was not to pursue Stellar this year, due to other City projects that are in the works. Cam Collier commented that Greater Decatur wants to focus on current projects and in February, to redefine Greater Decatur commitments and continue to implement the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

The City Engineer, Nate Rumschlag handed out quotes he had received for five (5) rural sewer projects that were designed by Commonwealth Engineering. Rumschlag explained that this would only give the ability for the property owners to connect to the City's sewer system. The Adams County Health Department would then send letters to the property owners to require them to connect to the City sewer system. The City Engineer commented that the funds were originally in the Sewer BAN to pay for these projects, but can now be paid from the Sewage Operating funds. The quotes ranged from \$18,750 to \$44,340 per project. The City Attorney suggested taking care of the Sewer Interceptor Project first to see if monies are available before doing the Rural Sewer Projects. By consensus, the Board of Works members directed the City Engineer to pursue only West Monroe Street at this time, but to solicit another quote for this location first, before moving forward.

The Building Supt., Roger Gage contacted Schindler Elevator Corporation to inspect the elevator at City Hall. Schindler Elevator Corp. prepared a contract to inspect the elevator annually for a fee of \$60.00 per month, payable in annual installments of \$732.00. Karbach made a motion to approve the contract and have the Mayor sign on behalf of the City. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Karbach made a motion for adjournment. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.