

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
January 19, 2021

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Timothy Baker.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel and Assistant Chief, Jim Hitchcock appeared before the Board regarding bids for the surplus fire truck with equipment. Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the proper advertisement for bids for the surplus engine and equipment. Seconded by Coshow the motion was adopted.

The bids were opened by the Mayor and read aloud by the City Attorney. Three (3) bids were received for the surplus fire truck and equipment. Blake Baughman of Auburn offered a bid of \$4,514.00; Frontline Remarketing of Decatur offered a bid of \$3,301.00; and Adams County Truck Repair of Decatur offered a bid of \$2,666.66. Chief Marckel took the bids under advisement and by law must offer the other fire departments in the County the opportunity to purchase the truck at the highest bid. If no offer is received within ten (10) days, the truck can be sold to the highest bidder, the bid can be rejected, and the truck could be sold via auction. Coshow made a motion to table any action until the February 2, 2021 meeting and place the bids under advisement, allowing any fire department in the County to make an offer to purchase at the highest bid. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fire Chief Marckel and Assistant Chief Hitchcock appeared before the Board seeking permission to begin the hiring process for a full-time firefighter to replace Captain Tim Bauman who will be retiring in September. It was noted that the application process, aptitude and agility testing, interviews, and so forth take time and with the retiring firefighter using vacation time throughout the year, Marckel and Hitchcock would like to possibly hire the replacement by mid-July to help with staffing. Although, the hiring date could be changed due to funding and the training needs of the new person. Coshow made a motion to allow Fire Chief Marckel to begin the hiring process for a replacement, with the date of hire to be determined later. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board announcing he had received a letter of resignation effective as of January 26, 2021 from Patrolman Reid Arnold, who has worked for the Police Department for 4 years, and is wanting to start his own business. Coshow made a motion to make the resignation letter a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief Corral sought permission to begin the hiring process to replace Patrolman Arnold, noting he wants to begin taking application as soon as possible. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Corral to begin the hiring process to replace Patrolman Arnold. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Chief Corral had received a call from a lateral, who has 3 years' experience and has heard of the vacancy and is interested in the patrolman position. Chief Corral has received several good references on this officer and would like to interview him. The officer is also in the running for other police

departments. Coshow made a motion for Chief Corral and Mayor Rickord to schedule a date and time to interview the lateral. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief Corral recently hired Officer Gabe Schwaller who has passed the psychological and physical exams and a date for hiring and swearing in is needed to be established.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor appeared before the Board seeking the release of the retainage to Kokosing for Phase 1 of the Waterworks Improvement projects that are now completed for the new Water Plant on 600 N. Fullenkamp made a motion to release the retainage funds to Kokosing. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Utilities Auditor, Kevin Hackman then presented a proposal to increase the sewer development fee from \$250 to \$1,000. Currently everyone pays the same amount of \$250. Hackman handed out a comparison chart showing what other communities charge for residential sewer connection fees and learned the average fee is \$1,400. Hackman shared that this fee increase could help stave off a future rate hike. It was also noted that these fees could later be used to save on a Bond issue. Coshow made a motion to provide a fee increase by having an ordinance prepared for action at the February 2, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. City Attorney, Tim Baker explained the process regarding the change in the fee and noted it would likely be effective in April, 2021.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:47 P.M.