

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
February 5, 2019

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Craig Coshow, Bill Karbach 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 15, 2019 meeting. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

An update regarding the AECOM contract was presented. Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent, Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, and Jim Garrard of AECOM shared that a conference call had been made with IDEM regarding a request for an extension of three (3) years for the Agreed Order with IDEM. It was noted the reception from IDEM seemed to be positive, but no response has yet been received. Amendment #5 was presented in order to allow AECOM to continue preliminary work as it would extend the current contract. The amendment provides for developing a revised Agreed Order plan and schedule for submission to IDEM for consideration and allows AECOM more time through March 11, 2019 to do additional infiltration investigation and remediation in hopes to reduce the size of the new storage tank to be built, and to use the funds remaining from the previous phase of the project. It was noted that Bergdall, Hackman and the City Attorney, Tim Baker had studied the amendment and felt it was complete. It was discussed that IDEM will look seriously at the extension but not sure how long they will accept. Extending the time would allow for fixing some issues which could perhaps allow for a smaller tank. Karbach made a motion to approve Amendment #5 with AECOM, and allow Mayor Meyer to sign the document, authorizing AECOM to utilize up to \$35,000 in funds that were unspent during previous work with the City. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Zane Martens, from Marquis Builders and on behalf of residents wanting to build along Piqua Road east of the new water plant, appeared before the Board requesting permission to connect to the City's sewer system which is recommended to be a better solution than a new septic system for the owners. However, Mayor Meyer noted that while the request sounds simple, it has repercussions for others as anyone within 300 feet could be mandated by the Adams County Health Department to tie into the system. Barry Scherer, Director of the Adams County Regional Sewer District (ACRSD), noted the County is likely a year out regarding the requested area. Nathan Scherer, of the ACRSD noted that of the nine (9) homes to be involved, eight (8) could be required to hook up currently while one (1) could wait two (2) years. Mayor Meyer shared appreciation for the concern but noted the Board was not prepared to make a decision without additional information. Coshow made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting on February 19, 2019. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Councilmen Cam Collier, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the Board of Works meeting for information and discussion purposes only.

Councilman Collier shared that along with Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, they had looked at the Master's Heating Building regarding long term use. There was discussion regarding the need for a sprinkler system, looking at limiting one side for creative space for the artists, using the metal side (north side) versus the other side with the wood frame, and possibly separating the area and putting in a fire door. Norby shared they would like to pursue getting quotes from architectural engineers in order to learn what costs might be. By consensus,

Collier and Norby were given permission to gather more information with an architect for advice and possible cost estimates.

Community Development Director Melissa Norby, Councilman Cam Collier, and Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert shared a Boy Scout was looking for a project and a proposal was considered to go to solar power for the Boy Scout Cabin in Hanna Nuttman Park. As a result, questions were brought up regarding who owns the Cabin. Attorney Baker shared he thinks the City owned the land and offered the land as a location for the Boy Scouts to build a building. No one claims ownership of the building, but the City owns the land. Collier noted he was concerned about the liability issue, and he questioned the possibility of someone getting hurt and who is responsible. Boy Scout Leader Bill Carpenter noted the Anthony Wayne Council won't recognize the cabin for ownership. Currently the local Boy Scouts are responsible for the upkeep of the cabin. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Meyer noted there needs to be a meeting of the Scout groups. Attorney Baker noted that if the City maintains an agreement with the Scouts, the building should be available for others to use. Collier, Norby, Mayor Meyer, and Carpenter are to meet with representatives and begin working toward a solution.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, and Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the Board. Gilbert noted that a month ago they had talked of demonstrating sewer cameras of which they had demonstrated five (5) systems. He shared they were all very similar with the difference being the cost. Gilbert received quotes which were all under State Bid, the quotes were from Brown Equipment, Jack Doheny, and Best Equipment. Use of the sewer camera could perhaps help in locating problems which could be used to assist in getting an extension of the time for Phase 4 of the Wastewater Storage Tank Project. Gilbert shared the system would be used for smoke testing, finding hot spots, and so forth. He shared information gained at Jefferson, Monroe, and Marshall Streets during the demonstrations. The low quote for the camera system equipment includes training and delivery, is \$256,778 and the software costs could be made either by spending \$10,000 upfront or leasing at a cost of \$2,000 per year. They would need to rent a combo truck for \$25,000 instead of purchasing since the estimated cost for a truck would be \$250,000 to \$300,000. It was noted the Storm Water and Sewage Department could share the costs. Karey Fuelling shared some concern of the use of the money for purchasing versus hiring on a temporary basis. Gilbert and Bergdall stressed they feel looking at the long term makes the purchase the appropriate option. Hackman shared the City needs to show IDEM it has a plan. Coshow shared he would like the ability to know of problem areas before re-paving takes place as finding problems before paving can save having to tear up right after paving especially since there are rather large amount of funding in the budget for re-paving. Gilbert noted that three or four employees would be certified to run the system. It was also noted there is the possibility of have an inter-local agreement with the County which would provide funds. Collier noted the issue has been considered for some time as discussions were held when Nate Rumschlag was the City's Engineer. Ben Warner, representing Best Equipment, was in the audience and shared that even though his company was not being recommended, he wanted to share that of the 19 counties he covers, Decatur has very capable people to work the system. Coshow made a motion to give Gilbert and Bergdall permission to proceed with the purchasing of the IBAK Mainline Camera System from Jack Doheny Companies for \$256,778.00. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented the contracts for the Mersey Beatles Concert to be held on Wednesday evening of May 8, 2019 at Belmont High School auditorium to raise funds for the Hanna Nuttman Project. Karbach made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts with North Adams Community School facilities, the Lightning Production, LLC, and Etix. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the Oath of Office for the three (3) new Police Reserves: Brody Shane, Andrew Smith, and Paige Vanover. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 7:29 P.M.