

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
February 21, 2017

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Cameron Collier and Mayor Ken Meyer. Also present were City Attorney Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Board member, Bill Karbach was absent.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting. There were no corrections. Collier made a motion to approve the minutes. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Collier, seconded by Meyer, and passed to make a matter of record the proof of publication regarding bids for street material, equipment, and labor for the year 2017.

The City Attorney opened and read the bids received for street material, equipment, and labor. The bids were from Fleming Excavating, Inc., U.S. Aggregates, Wayne Asphalt, Stonestreet Quarries, and Brook's Construction Co. All bids included the proper bid bonds and had properly executed bid form 96. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, took all bids under review until later in the meeting.

Collier made a motion to make the legal notice for bids regarding the Master Drive Storm Water Improvement Project a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gilbert noted that three bids had been received for the Master Drive Storm Water Improvements: Fleming Excavating, Inc., \$246,531.39; Wisel Enterprises, \$260,003.44; and VTF Excavating, \$280,929.83. With Fleming Excavating, Inc. having the lowest bid at \$246,531.39, a motion was made by Collier, seconded by Meyer, and adopted to accept the Fleming bid.

Pay application #8 for \$43,106.00 from Fleming Excavating, Inc. for the Sewer Project was presented. Collier made a motion to approve pay application #8 for \$43,106.00. Seconded by Meyer, the motion passed.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel asked permission to get bids for up to \$15,000 in the LOIT-Public Safety budget for a variety of pieces of gear and 8 dry suits. He will be getting two bids for each of the two packages with an aggregate of funds not to exceed \$15,000. By consensus he was given permission to seek such bids. Marckel thanked Thunderbird Formula for donating a new rescue boat and selling the department a second boat for \$2,200 which is far less than cost.

In another item of business Marckel noted the Fire Department leases a copy machine at a cost of \$166.17 per month. The current machine is 6 years old and they would like to continue to lease and upgrade. He shared that an upgrade would increase the monthly lease payment by \$21.33 for a total of \$187.50. They would continue leasing from Advanced Imaging. A motion to go ahead with the contract to lease with the upgrade was made by Collier, seconded by Meyer, and adopted.

City Attorney Tim Baker shared he had drafted a letter and sent it to Nick Kos, owner of the trailer park along 13th Street, Decatur. The letter was sent to two addresses known for Mr. Kos. Kos was given until February 28, 2017 to respond and was requested to attend either the March 7, 2017 or the March 21, 2017 meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety. He noted the letter had been sent by certified mail.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, shared that the job posting for the City Forester position vacated by Dwight Pierce is to be posted internally until 4 P. M. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. He noted Pierce had assisted in writing the posting. After the February 22, 2017 deadline advertising will be placed in the local paper and sent to Purdue University. Following these posting, if needed, the position will be advertised in the Fort Wayne Newspapers. Gilbert stated he felt Pierce would be willing to assist for a time while a replacement is found as he is not leaving the area.

Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the remainder of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Mayor Meyer shared that “No Parking” signs had been placed on the east side of part of Eleventh Street and on the north side of a portion of Nuttman Avenue. He stated he had received numerous calls from the residents residing along Eleventh St. but had heard nothing from those living along Nuttman Ave. It was stressed that the signs had been approved earlier and just recently posted and that they had been placed for safety reasons, especially for fire and police vehicles needing to travel through these narrow streets. Letters have been sent to the residents.

Jeremy Gilbert appeared before the board and recommended that all the bids for the Street material, equipment & labor be accepted. A motion was made by Collier, seconded by Meyer, and adopted.

City Attorney Tim Baker informed the Board members that Mobilitie, which had earlier appeared before the Board, had lobbied before the Indiana Legislature to remove the right of the cities to refuse the companies such as Mobilitie to build towers on city right-of-ways. SB 213 has passed out of the Senate Committee and Baker has been asked by AIM to attend a meeting on Thursday with other attorneys to try to come up with a solution to the bill. On a positive note, Baker shared that SB 465, the bill dealing with the funding for Waste Districts, has been killed at this point.

Roger Gage, Department of Building/Zoning Supt., reported that he had received notice from Rod Renkenberger of the Maumee River Basin Commission that the City has been awarded flood buyout funds for six more houses.

Dan Rickord, Utilities Director, reported drilling for the possible new well location has been completed, and felt very optimistic as levels had shown higher than current wells. At a cost of approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000, Rickord asked for permission to go ahead with another well. A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Meyer to proceed with the second well subject to test results coming back without any problems and with good water quality. Motion passed.

Mayor Meyer asked Department Heads if they would like to recommend anyone for the leadership training program (4 hours a week, every other week, for 6 weeks) provided through Connect to Careers. He had sent each Department Head an e-mail regarding the program. The program was further described by Collier, Coshow, and Sirk. Fire Chief, Les Marckel and Greg

Cook, Chief of Police, asked questions about the program and Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert noted he potentially may have a candidate.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Meyer, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 7:20 P.M.