

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
March 2, 2021

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, March 2, 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 February 22, 2021 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the 100 W sewer extension. Jessica Bergdall and Nathan Scherer of the Adams County Health Department, their attorney Adam Miller, and Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager for the City, appeared before the Board to present information regarding the sanitary sewer extension put into place by Brent Arnold five (5) years ago. It was shared that a fifteen (15) year agreement was put in place five (5) years ago and that it included a provision that the residents would be mandated to eventually tap into the City's main sewer line. There are seven (7) homes that need to tap in due to failed septic systems. The County will be the enforcement agency. It was also noted that eventually water may be provided for the area due to many residents in that area are interested in tapping into city water. Fullenkamp made a motion to authorize letters to the property owners to allow the County the access and permission to enforce the tap-ins of the seven (7) parcels along 100 West. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. The City will invoice the seven homes at the out of City rate for sewage.

Next on the agenda was the approval for a Conditional Employment Contract with Signing Bonus to be used for future lateral police officers for the Decatur Police Department. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the Conditional Employment Contract with Signing Bonus. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright shared that a City employee has completed the paperwork to donate ten (10) eight (8) hour days to an employee who is on sick leave. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow for the donated sick days by the employee. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Whitright presented the proposed contract with Pavement Solutions for crack seal at a cost of \$0.44 per square yard, which is the same price as 2016. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager has budgeted \$65,000, but the last few years the amount paid out has decreased to about \$30,000 to \$40,000 due to the monies received from the Community Crossing Matching Grants. Fullenkamp made a motion to authorize Gilbert to sign the contract with Pavement Solutions. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Attorney Tim Baker received a proposal from the City's Fire Marshal/Asst. Bldg. Supt., Tony Lothridge regarding code enforcement and penalties for minor, major, and immediate dangerous fire safety hazards and violations. Lothridge will come before the Board on March 16, 2021 to address a possible ordinance. Attorney Baker informed the Board of Public Works and Safety members if they are satisfied with the concept then it will go to Council for permission to proceed with the writing of the appropriate ordinance. Fire Chief Les Marckel and Assistant Fire Chief Jim Hitchcock were in agreement with what Mr. Lothridge is proposing. It was noted that 99% of the people comply right away, but it is the 1% that makes for the need to have enforcement procedures in place.

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 6:49 P.M.