

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

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Wednesday, March 05, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Craig Coshow and Mayor Ken Meyer. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Bill Karbach was absent

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was the opening of bids for resurfacing streets and roads. Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the advertisement for such bids. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

The bids for resurfacing were opened and read aloud by the City Attorney. The bids were from E & B Paving, Inc. \$713,502.30, Wayne Asphalt \$683,773.30, and Brooks Construction Company \$650,784.00. All bids were properly signed, notarized, and had included a 5% bid bond. Coshow made a motion to table any action for Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, to take them under advisement until the next meeting on March 19, 2019. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make the advertisement for the Water Main Replacements and Extension bids a matter of record. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

The bids for the Water Main Replacements and Extensions were opened and read aloud by the City Attorney. Two bids were received. Bids included the water main extensions on 600 N and 500 N, and water main replacements at High Street and Homestead. Watson Excavating, Inc. bid \$284,025 for 600 N, \$255,300 for 500 N, \$521,900 for High Street and \$660,800 for Homestead for a total of \$1,722,025. Fleming Excavating, Inc. had a bid of \$296,728.53 for 600 N, \$262,670.50 for 500 N, \$577,440.78 for High Street, and \$577,658.52 for Homestead for a total of \$1,714,498.33. Both contractors had the necessary paperwork included with their bid packet. Coshow made a motion to table any action and provide the bids for Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert to review until the next meeting on March 19, 2019.

It was shared that Craig Coshow, City Attorney Tim Baker, Utilities Auditor Kevin Hackman, Assistant Water Superintendent Bill Carpenter, and Water Department employee Gene Grote had met with Mark Sullivan and Alan Burch of Midwestern Engineers regarding the proposal submitted by Bowen for the Water Utilities Improvement Projects. Hackman mentioned that the Board of Works members had approved back in October to use Bowen as the provider for the Guaranteed Savings Contract, after reviewing the proposal, Hackman made a recommendation to change providers from Bowen to Kokosing Industrial, Inc., due to Bowen not meeting standards. Mayor Meyer made a motion to approve Hackman's recommendation and to authorize negotiations with the second provider, Kokosing, and to notify by letter to Bowen of the change in providers. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer connected via telephone with Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, and Matt Schultz, Asst. Operations Manager who were attending Road School in Lafayette. Quotes had been received for sanitary sewer repair at 10<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson Street. Quotes for material, equipment and labor were received from Crosby Excavating

at \$29,145, Bercot Excavating at \$27,981, and Fleming Excavating, Inc. at \$25,877. Gilbert recommended accepting the low quote from Fleming Excavating, Inc. Coshow made a motion to accept the Fleming Excavating bid of \$25,877. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, 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.

City sewer extensions to County Road 450 N and 600 N were next considered. At 600 N a new home will be built and the individual will pay all costs. The owner was represented by Marquis Builders at the February 19, 2019 meeting. Extension of the sewer to 600 N has other property owners within 300 feet of the area. Coshow made a motion to offer the extension to the resident on 600 N. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

After discussion regarding the need for an IDEM Permit for the sewer extensions, it was noted that would likely double the cost and could be inspected locally without the cost. It was noted the project could be done and notification could be filed with IDEM to inform them of the project. A motion was made by Coshow requiring the project to be designed by an engineer and that notice should then be sent to IDEM. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker read a letter that stipulated all the conditions involved in this sewer extension agreement. Coshow made a motion to send the letter stipulating all the conditions to the owner at 600 N. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Regarding the 450 N request from the Elizabeth Meyer Trust, Coshow made a motion to provide the extension of that sewer, and to have the City Attorney prepare a letter to the home owner of the conditions. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make the letter to IDEM of the approval for a 3-year extension of the Agreed Order a matter of record. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Discussion next was about the wall at the northwest corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Monroe Street. Input from Council members included the comment regarding likeness to the wall in Founders Park, should they use bricks or blocks, and the cost of each, and the use of a mural either painted or mounted. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted the current bricks are deteriorating. Coshow made a motion for Gilbert to get quotes for bricks and blocks. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker gave an update regarding HB 1347 which passed the House and is in the Senate for action. The bill would have a negative effect on the work the City has done over the past year regarding utility bills and landlords and tenants. Local Representative Matt Lehman voted for the bill in the House and when Attorney Baker and Mayor Meyer talked to him, he promised to work in getting the bill defeated in the Senate and will vote against it if it came back to the House for concurrence. The Mayor will also email Senator, Travis Holdman regarding this bill.

Mayor Meyer shared he had received an e-mail from JPR representative Kevin McCrory seeking the opportunity to prepare plans for the streetscape along Second Street. For discussion only, since the Council will need to vote on the situation, a lengthy discussion was held. Tony Murray and Brian Clemons of Decatur Main Street were present and gave suggestions regarding the use of trees, pavers, bump outs, and so forth. Community Development Director, Melissa Norby handed out renderings of the streetscapes that were similar to the design of Madison Street

Plaza. Via telephone, Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager suggested it would be nice to do the streetscape prior to the work at 5-Points which is to be done in 2021-22. It was also noted a lot of the sidewalk was already torn up for water line connections and needed to be replaced. It was noted lights, benches, and trash cans had already been selected to go along with those used along Madison Street Plaza and First Street. It was shared that most of the work could be done locally with City employees.

A spreadsheet was shared with a brief discussion of the Hanna Nuttman Project. If the project is to be completed for use in 2020, the earthwork and utilities need to begin. The Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert will solicit quotes and/or bids in the near future. It was noted that grants may be available for assistance for some funding.

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

Adjournment was at 7:30 P.M.