

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
March 7, 2017

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, March 7, 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 21, 2017 meeting. There were no corrections. Collier made a motion to approve the minutes. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Slike, from AECOM gave an update regarding the Sewer Interceptor project. He noted some little things were being done as reported at the progress meeting held earlier in the day. Slike shared there were four (4) change orders which were placed into two (2) orders as 6A and 6B were put together as were 7A and 7B. Change order 6A amounted to \$1,871.50 (unforeseen pipe in the way) and 6B amounted to \$6,200.00 (a new lateral was needed). Thus, the total for 6A and 6B is \$8,071.50. A motion to approve Change Order 6 in the amount of \$8,071.50 was made by Meyer, seconded by Collier, and adopted. Change order 7A was in the amount of \$4,760.36 (for work done in November to remove curbing at The Grainery location) and 7B amounted to \$30,841.25 (for extra excavating needed and extra haulers and equipment needed). Thus, 7A and 7B totaled \$35,601.61. A motion by Collier to approve Change Order 7 in the amount of \$35,601.61. Motion was seconded by Meyer and passed. Mr. Slike shared that for the meeting on March 21, 2017 he would have figures regarding the status of the budgeted amount for changes versus that which has been used.

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

Upon motion by Collier, seconded by Meyer adopted the contract agreement with Fleming Excavating, Inc. for the Master Drive Storm Water Project was made a matter of record.

Mayor Meyer noted Roger Gage, Building/Zoning Supt. would be retiring and had several vacation days so he would probably be taking some Fridays off. Mayor Meyer shared he had asked New Focus HR to provide a job description for the position which had originally included conversation with Gage. Mayor Meyer wishes to post the position internally than advertise if needed. He shared that part of what was previously part of City Engineer Nate Rumschlag's responsibilities may be combined in the future. By consensus it was decided to add to the job description noting the requirement of a Bachelor's degree or a number of years of experience the phrase "construction management degree preferred but not required."

Mayor Meyer brought up the fact that several individuals and groups did parking studies and he had talked with CenturyLink about renting various area lots. He also brought up the concept of hiring a parking attendant to make rounds twice a day, approximately 25 hours a week. The Mayor questioned to whom would the person report to, the building department or the police department. No decision was made, but this is something to think about.

The next item was the Schafer Building. Mayor Meyer noted a meeting had been held with Kevan Biggs who is willing to talk to the legal staff in Indianapolis to see if funds can be used earlier to raze the building. He will also check about using the money dedicated to the project from the city to see if those funds can be used before he receives the funding, and that if

that happens he needs to be certain it will not jeopardize the grant funding. City Attorney Tim Baker is checking with bond counsel, Tom Pitman of Barnes & Thornburg to check the steps the city has to go through in conjunction with the Decatur Redevelopment Commission. It was noted that monies have been budgeted in the Rainy Day fund for the project.

A problem has developed regarding the water line from the Schafer building as it is used for the Fire Suppression System in the Music House and that system cannot be shut off. Thus, that has to be worked out. It is hoped the Schafer building can be razed this Spring and then work can begin on the Madison Street project.

Mayor Meyer shared that local attorney Adam Miller had shared with him that Ed Gage had a 5 ½ acre lot that is in the city and he would like to have it dis-annexed from the city. It was originally his parents plan to develop the area , which Mr. Gage has no plans to develop it. It was decided by consensus to relate to Attorney Miller that Mr. Gage could file the proper petition and the City would then act upon it.

It was announced that Spotlight on Decatur would be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017. Melissa Norby and Debbie Bradburn would have a booth for recycling. Council members will judge the booths beginning at 12:30-12:45 P.M. and then be available to answer questions from 1-1:30 P.M. It was noted that the Main Street group would also have a booth.

A motion was made by Collier to make the certificate of approval from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Nature Preserve a matter record. Seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted.

At the February 21 meeting the Council had agreed to accept the Worthman Field from North Adams Community Schools. Mayor Meyer had written a letter to NACS to acknowledge the acceptance. Collier made a motion to make the acceptance letter a matter of record. Seconded by Meyer, the motion passed.

Mayor Meyer shared there is a Mayor's e-mail forum that is used to ask questions and share information regarding how municipalities handle various issues. He noted a question had been asked by someone about how various communities deal with delinquent utility write-offs. Meyer noted he shared the responses with Utilities Director, Dan Rickord. Majority of the write offs are from rental properties, and was suggested to change billing into the landlord name. More discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Collier brought up loud noises that seem to be coming from Bunge. It was thought the noise is caused by large fans and felt that they are atop higher buildings or perhaps some kind of dryer. No action was taken.

City Attorney Tim Baker noted he had sent an e-mail to Council members regarding various pieces of legislation that would have an effect on the city. He shared he had also sent the e-mail to Redevelopment Commission members.

Dyer shared there is no place in City Hall to post any flyers. He suggested a community bulletin board inside the lobby breezeway. By consensus it was agree that would be a good idea.

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 7:13 P.M.