

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
March 19, 2019

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, March 19, 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. Board member, Bill Karbach was absent.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the March 5, 2019 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, appeared before the Board encouraging the Board to schedule a hearing for demolition of two homes at 710 and 904 Schirmeyer Street. He shared letters had been sent to the owners on February 22, 2019 and no response had been received. Coshow made a motion to allow Witte to make the proper postings on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 and that a hearing be scheduled for the meeting on April 16, 2019. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

It was noted that bids had been opened at the March 5, 2019 meeting for the resurfacing of streets and water main replacements and extensions. The resurfacing bids had been under advisement by Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert. Gilbert opened his presentation noting good news as INDOT's Community Crossing Grant was for approximately \$651,800 and the actual bid was \$650,784. Thus, the City's share with the 75/25 split will be \$162,696. The Community Crossings Grant will be used for resurfacing eighteen (18) streets and with the money budgeted for street resurfacing in 2019 an additional fourteen (14) streets will be resurfaced for a total of 32 streets. Coshow made a motion to award the contract for \$650,784 to Brooks Construction Company, Inc. and give Jeremy Gilbert and Mayor Meyer authority to sign the needed documents. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted. Gilbert noted that there may be some over runs on asphalt, if so, this would be the City's responsibility, which there is monies budgeted in the MVH-Street fund and also the Rainy Day fund.

Following the resurfacing bids being approved, Gilbert noted the application for the Community Crossings Grant was rather straight forward and asked for permission to seek another grant. He noted he would work with Toby Steffen of Butler, Fairman and Seufert (BF&S) to seek help in making application. Mayor Meyer made a motion to allow Gilbert to work with Toby Steffen of BF&S to work up an application for another round of Community Crossings Grants. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Regarding the water main replacements and extension bids which were opened at the March 5, 2019 meeting, and since the change had been made from Bowen to Kokosing Industrial, Inc., a motion was made by Coshow to table any action until numbers could be received from Kokosing, most likely by the April 16, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board and it was noted that Clerk-Treasurer and Mayor Meyer had received notification from Chief Corral that Officer Luke Rumschlag on March 20th had completed his year of Probationary Status and should be salaried as an officer with one-year of service. Coshow made a motion to approve Officer Rumschlag's change of status from Probationary to an officer with one year of service and adjust his salary. 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.

Discussion next was for the need of a sidewalk along 14th Street behind the new Farmers' Merchant Bank (formerly the Bank of Geneva). It was noted that when the Bank of Geneva representatives appeared before the Decatur Plan Commission in November, 2017, the requirement was for sidewalks along 13th Street and 500 N and no recommendation was even considered for a sidewalk along 14th Street. However, the City's Code requires all new construction to add sidewalks. Mayor Meyer shared that there were three (3) options available: 1) Mandate that Farmer's Merchant provide the 14th Street sidewalk even though it was not mentioned earlier, 2) the City could put in the sidewalk, or 3) do nothing. The bank officials have been contacted and they noted the sidewalk was not on the plan. Councilman Fullenkamp, who serves on the Plan Commission, noted the 14th Street sidewalk was never brought up and he dislikes adding additional stipulations when the City is trying to bring new businesses to the City. Since the City Ordinance requires sidewalks it was noted if there is any new building that wishes a variance, they would need to appear before the BZA. City Attorney, Tim Baker suggested that if that occurs, the Council Members should attend said meeting to express their opposition of any variance. Coshow suggested asking Farmers' Merchant if they would split the cost. Fullenkamp expressed he felt it was a waste of money to put a sidewalk along 14th Street, especially since there is a sidewalk on the west side of the street. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, and Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, shared the cost for the sidewalk would be less than \$5,000. Witte noted he had money in his budget to cover the cost. Coshow made a motion to have Witte ask if Farmers' Merchant Bank would go 50/50 regarding the cost to place the sidewalk along 14th Street. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted. It was shared that for future issues brought before the Plan Commission sidewalks must be provided as per City Code or a variance must be sought before the BZA.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, and Tony Murray of the Decatur Main Street Design Committee, appeared before the board to share the list of those businesses selected to receive Façade money. It was shared that six (6) of the seven (7) applications will be awarded a total of \$50,000. All applications had been approved by the various City Departments to meet the fire and safety codes. Action regarding the recommended selections will be done by the City Council.

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 7:12 P.M.