

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
April 16, 2019

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Craig Coshow, Bill Karbach, and Mayor Ken Meyer. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 2, 2019 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was Mark Sullivan of Midwestern Engineers and Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor with the revised Guaranteed Savings contract with Kokosing Industrial, Inc. for Phase 1 of the New Water Treatment Plant to be built on 600 north. It was shared that the Kokosing contract came in about ½ million dollars less than the Bowen group had figured earlier. The Kokosing bid came in at \$7,247,389.00. Hackman shared there were more items included in the Kokosing proposal at a lower cost. Hackman mentioned the permits would be done locally with the help from Mark Sullivan of Midwestern Engineers. City Attorney, Tim Baker had looked over the contract and was fine with the language. Mayor Meyer commented that the well houses would be built locally and would be a pole barn type of building designed for wind and snow loads.

Councilmen Cam Collier, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the Board of Works meeting during the discussion regarding the Kokosing Contract for informational purposes.

Hackman shared that Kokosing was much easier to work with and had better communication than Bowen. Coshow made a motion to accept the revised Guaranteed Savings contract with Kokosing Industrial, Inc for Phase 1 of the new Water Treatment Plant at a maximum price of \$7,247,389.00 and authorize Mayor Meyer to sign said contract. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Councilmen Collier, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk then left the Board of Works meeting.

Water Main Extensions/Replacement bids were taken under advisement from the March 5th meeting. Karbach made a motion to accept the low bid of \$284,025 for the water main extension on County Road 600 N and the low bid of \$521,900 for the water main replacement on High Street from Watson Excavating, Inc. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to decline the bid of \$255,300 for the water main extension on County Road 500 N and the bid of \$660,800 for the water main replacement for Homestead due to the lack of funds. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. It was shared that Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, is working on a proposal for the Homestead water main replacement to see if this can be done in-house.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent was unable to attend the meeting, so Mayor Meyer read a report from her, stating that an IDEM Inspector had been at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 10, 2019 and was pleased with the clarifier work and the purchase of the camera truck. It was noted that IDEM will be updated on items that will make things work better, and that an extension is likely to be agreed upon.

Karbach made a motion to make a matter of record the legal advertisement for bids for Phase A - earth and utilities work for the Hanna Nuttman Park Project. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

There was only one bid received for Phase A – earth and utilities work for the Hanna Nuttman Park Project. The Mayor opened the bid and the City Attorney read the bid aloud. The bid was from Fleming Excavating, Inc. of Decatur in the amount of \$753,635.17. The bid included a bid bond for 5% of the bid and Form 96 was submitted and properly signed. Coshow made a motion to take the bid under advisement for the Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert to review. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

The Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert had solicited sealed quotes for the purchase and installation of an irrigation system for the Hanna Nuttman Park Ball Fields. There were three (3) irrigation quotes, which were then opened and read aloud by the City Attorney. The quotes were from Pfister Sprinklers of Roanoke, IN at \$45,000, Cloudburst Lawn Sprinkler Service of Fort Wayne at \$37,800, and Outdoor Detail did not submit a quote amount. Coshow made a motion that the quotes be taken under advisement by Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager for review. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager brought forth the Crack/Seal quotes from Pavement Solutions at \$.44 per square yard. He noted that Pavement Solutions had done work since 2016 for the city and he had solicited three (3) quotes but did not hear from the other two (2). Gilbert mentioned that he has this budgeted in the Local Road & Street fund. Coshow made a motion to accept the quote of \$.44 per square yard for a total of approximately \$23,966.80 from Pavement Solutions. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral and Deputy Chief, Mike Mahan appeared before the Board and noted that Deputy Mahan will be retiring the middle of June, 2019 and eight (8) applications had been received for a new officer, and he also received a call from someone who has had all the training and wants to transfer to the Decatur Police Department. Chief Corral reported one applicant did not show up for the physical, four (4) failed the sit ups, and the three (3) remaining passed the physical and written tests. Chief Corral mentioned that Allen County will again provide free polygraph testing. Chief Corral requested he wants to interview the person who wants to transfer. He also informed the Board members that two (2) current police officers had applied at Fort Wayne, so he would like to keep the three (3) applicants for future use for replacements. Coshow made a motion for Chief Corral to follow the hiring process, if interview goes well, the Mayor can approve. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer noted that with Deputy Mike Mahan leaving, he had appointed Detective Chris Brite as the new Deputy Chief. Brite will begin shadowing Mahan while also continuing to do the detective work. Once all new hires finish with the Police Academy, will then promote someone to detective.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, and Karbach, Code Enforcement, brought up the issue of repeat offenders for the large trash collections. Nuisance reports had been sent out since February, 2017 and letters had been sent to residents on Elm St., Meadow Lanes (flood removal), 5th and Marshall Streets, Dierkes St., Schirmeyer, Nuttman, 11th St., and 2nd Street. Witte and Karbach asked for guidance on what can be done regarding repeat offenders. It was recommended that notices could be given with a time limit and then possible court action. A court injunction could be filed to prohibit them from collecting and then if it continues they would have to go to court. It was shared by Witte that here will continue having a Code Enforcement Officer after Karbach leaves. Witte would like to expand the ordinance and Mayor Meyer asked him to

get a copy of an ordinance he referenced from another city and share it with City Attorney, Tim Baker for his review.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager had reviewed the bid regarding Phase A - Hanna Nuttman Park Project, which he would like to meet with Greg Fleming of Fleming Excavating, Inc. and go over various parts of the bid, and discuss the various parts that could be completed by the City. Gilbert noted the bid included some things beyond the scope of what was advertised, likely about \$175,000 that probably is not needed. Karbach made a motion to let Gilbert come to an agreement with Fleming and give Mayor Meyer the authority to sign off if an agreement can be worked out. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright asked for input for the budget regarding the base salary for the Fire Department. By consensus, it was decided to stay with the decision of last year to get the base of the Fire Department equal to the base of the Police Department. Also requested for Council to think about how much to budget for raises in 2020 for the next meeting.

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

Adjournment was at 7:30 P.M.