

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
April 18, 2017

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Cam Collier, 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 4, 2017 meeting. There were no corrections. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Collier and seconded by Karbach to make a matter of record the legal advertisement for bids for the Nature Preserve. Motion was passed.

It was shared that bids for the Nature Preserve were opened at a public meeting earlier today. The original engineering estimate of the cost was \$383,533. Two bids were received: Fleming Excavating, Inc. of Decatur a bid of \$320,377 and T-E Inc. of Fort Wayne bid \$279,300. The bids were taken under advisement and the Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert will meet with Kevin McCrory from JPR on Friday to go over the bids.

Bill Slike of AECOM shared a progress meeting had been held this morning regarding the Sewer Interceptor Project which is nearly complete. They are now on the restoration phase with grading and seeding. The final pavement restoration will be started in about two weeks. Slike shared with change orders the cost to date is \$2,907,923 and the original bid had been \$3,660,350. The monitoring stage has begun with the rain gauges being installed last week, but he had no update on how they have been running due to not a lot of rainfall. Change orders were then presented. Change Order #8 at north end of town where they had to extend the sewer and add a manhole at \$61,906.11. Karbach made a motion to approve Change Order #8 at the cost of \$61,906.11. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted. Change Order #9 is a deduction due to an open cut in lieu of jack and bore across the rear of the former Loshe property--deduction of \$22,505.48. A motion to approve Change Order #9 at a deduction of \$22,505.48 was made by Karbach, seconded by Collier, and adopted. Change Order #10— an increase to secure manhole tops and castings at a cost of \$11,446.89. A motion was made by Collier to approve Change Order #10 at a cost of \$11,446.89. Karbach seconded the motion which passed. Slike presented pay application #10 of \$54,227.30 to Fleming Excavating, Inc. for last month. Karbach made a motion to pay the \$54,227.30 to Fleming Excavating, Inc. Seconded by Collier, the motion was adopted. Slike expects to have authorization to reach substantial completion and to release some of the funds in escrow in four weeks at the next progress meeting.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager gave an update on the Master Drive Project. He noted the project was well under way with near completion of the storm sewer work. A pre-bid meeting had been held for the water main portion of the project. Bids are to be in by Tuesday, April 25, 2017. They have curb and asphalt removal as well as other minor things to complete during the next 1 to 1 ½ weeks. It is hoped to have all completed by the end of June or the first of July.

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

Gilbert then brought up the concrete quotes for the First Street of Phase 1 of the Monroe Street Sidewalks and street lighting project. He noted Fleming will be repaving First Street from Monroe St. to Jackson St. Taylor Gage of TG Concrete had measured and the cost for the needed concrete is estimated to be \$14,382.50 as per quotes provided at a previous meeting. Gilbert shared that \$150,000 had been budgeted a year ago and costs for the bridge to First Street is \$20,000 for JPR engineering fees, \$20,414.00 for 5 poles, and \$26,700.00 for sidewalk replacement. Thus, the total is \$67,114.00 with a balance of \$82,886.00. To complete First Street with 5 light poles at \$20,414.00 and 5 bases at \$2,750.00 making a total of \$23,150.00 would leave a balance of \$59,722.00. To continue on Monroe Street to Second St. (Phase 2) the cost would be \$20,414.00 for 5 poles, \$34,734.00 for sidewalk replacement, and \$2,750 for 5 bases or a total of \$57,898.00. Thus, of the \$150,000 the balance remaining would be \$1,824.00. To continue on Monroe Street to Third Street (Phase 3) the cost would be the same as for Phase 2, at \$57,898.00. Gilbert and Mayor Meyer went over budget proposals as the plan to partnership with Kevan Biggs to demolish the former Schafer building will be done by setting up a Revolving Loan Fund by using funds from the CEDIT fund. The \$50,000 set aside for the façade program and the \$100,000 set aside for the Madison Street Project would be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund. After transfers and using the CEDIT fund, there would be \$100,000 in the Rainy Day Fund to be used to complete all Three Phases this year. Thus, the lighting and sidewalks would be completed before the State resurfaces Monroe Street (Highway 224) by the end of June, 2018. Discussion of Board Members and Council members present at the meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety followed. It was discussed to get as much done on Madison Street as possible before/after the Schafer building is demolished so it will be ready for completion as soon as possible. It was suggested the project proposal be shared at the City Council Meeting this evening. City Attorney Tim Baker noted he plans to bring various Resolutions needed to authorize a Revolving Loan Fund of 15 year's length and certain stipulations to the May 2 meeting.

Mayor Meyer noted he and Melissa Norby, Director of Community Development, had been talking and noting various activities such as the July 22 Dekegger event and the Farmer's Market may have to have alternative plans in conjunction with the razing of the former Schafer building. It is planned to have July 15, 2017 be the deadline for Biggs to demolish the Schafer building. The Mayor made everyone aware that Madison Street could be closed for approximately a month during demolition.

Mayor Meyer reported that earlier this afternoon the Board of Zoning Appeals had met with Mobilitie regarding the construction of Cellular Service Support Structures. They plan to install a pole at the circle drive at the Depot where it meets with the Police Department. They will move the pole back toward the railroad, and Mr. Dunn, the representative for Mobilitie, had remarked that the plan is to work with AEP to use existing poles.

Bill Karbach, Code Enforcement Officer, shared that they had sited 5 dilapidated garages and 3 metal storage sheds last year. Of those, 4 garages and 1 storage shed are gone. Karbach thanked Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert for his work in getting these projects razed.

There being no other business to bring before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Karbach, seconded by Collier, and passed.

Adjournment was at 7:26 P.M.