

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
May 7, 2019

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, May 7, 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 16, 2019 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent and Todd Frauhofer of AECOM presented an amendment #6, and Exhibit 6A to the CSO Long Term Control Plan contract with AECOM. The amendment is to have AECOM on standby to provide services for the City not-to-exceed \$50,000.00, for work requested by the City to be compensated on an hourly rate. Karbach made a motion to approve the amended contract with AECOM. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent, then asked for approval to spend \$44,023 for removal and replacement of a sludge pump and \$32,200 for a drainage pump using funds remaining from the guaranteed savings contract from the clarifier project with Kokosing Industrial, Inc. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the purchase from Kokosing for the sludge pump at \$44,023 and a drainage pump at \$32,200. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. This will be paid from the Sewage Operating fund.

Karbach made a motion to approve the contract with Watson Excavating, Inc. to move forward with the water main replacement on High Street at a cost of \$521,900 and the water main extension for 600 N at a cost of \$284,025. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. These projects will be paid from the 2018 Water Bonds Construction fund.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral presented a letter from Lieutenant Colonel Charles Goad recommending the hiring of Andrew Elwell. Elwell has already been to the academy and will start June 17, 2019. Corral informed the Board that he will be losing another officer Joel Jackson who has been hired by Fort Wayne Police Department. Corral will be interviewing for Jackson's replacement soon. The candidate he is interviewing will need to attend the police academy.

At the April 16th meeting, quotes for an irrigation system at Hanna Nuttman Park Ball Fields were taken under advisement. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager had reviewed the quotes and recommended the low quote from Cloudburst Lawn Sprinkler Service of Fort Wayne with a bid of \$37,800.00. Coshow made a motion to accept the quote from Cloudburst Lawn Sprinkler Service at the cost of \$37,800.00. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. Gilbert reported that 11 trees were removed from Hanna Nuttman Park by Phil Theime with the assistance from the City employees. Four (4) trees remain, with three (3) of which were memorial trees and were moved to different locations.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel shared he was looking for a location for the Water Ball Court since the one at Hanna Nuttman Park needed to be moved. He noted he is going to check with MRBC Director, Rod Renkenberger regarding the use of part of the parking lot at the Evergreen Assisted Living location. Karbach suggested possibly the area behind the old police station on 3rd Street.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, and Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, shared that the bids for the water main extension in Homestead had been too high to be paid from the water bond, and they are looking at various options. Gilbert noted he had looked over the bids from Watson and from Fleming and is coming up with an estimated cost of \$90,000 if the City workforce can do the project. Also discussed was possibly adding a walking trail within the center of the park while the area is under construction for the waterline replacement. No action was taken at this time. Gilbert commented that Homestead addition is in need of stormwater and sewer line replacements, but the water lines are a priority for now.

Councilmen Cam Collier, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the Board of Works meeting for information and input only.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, then recommended the approval of Fleming Excavating's bid for the earthwork and utilities at Hanna Nuttman Park Ball Fields. Gilbert and Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, had met with Greg Fleming and did what is called value engineering and they were able to reduce the cost from \$753,635.17 to \$525,382.12. Gilbert shared that the City is getting more done for less, and that stone would come from the City's crushed supply. Coshow made a motion to accept the Fleming Excavating, Inc. bid of \$525,328.12 for the earthwork and utilities at Hanna Nuttman Park Ball Fields. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

The sealed quotes for the restrooms and concession stands at Hanna Nuttman Park Ball Fields were then opened and read aloud. Gilbert noted he had sought three (3) quotes, but only two (2) responded and he felt they would likely be over budget. The first quote was from Limberlost Construction of Geneva at \$241,950. The second quote was from Kampman Renovation of Decatur for \$201,201. With the state law, these exceed the amount for sealed quotes. Due to the amount being over \$150,000, the project will have to be done by sealed bids. Thus, Gilbert suggested rejecting the quotes and redo the specifications. It was noted by Councilman Fullenkamp that costs are high as there is a great need for people in the trades' field. Coshow made a motion to reject both quotes and revisit the specifications. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed. Gilbert noted the original plans had been used by Kendallville, and he would likely go there for his review.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, and Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared the need for sealed quotes for three (3) areas of sewer replacement work. Eleven (11) homes along the alley between 10th and 11th Streets from Adams Street to Madison Street. Bergdall will die test and notify the eleven (11) property owners. There were three (3) sealed quotes to be opened. The base quote is if the City supplied the materials. Brent Luginbill of Berne had a base quote of \$29,760.00. Bercot, Inc. of Fort Wayne had a base quote of \$87,211.00 and Fleming Excavating, Inc. of Decatur provided a base quote of \$78,169.00. Each quote also included alternative quotes for supplying materials and so forth. Coshow made a motion to authorize Jeremy Gilbert to review the quotes and award a contract to the contractor with the lowest responsible and responsive quote. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. This project will be paid from the 2015 Sewage Construction bond.

Regarding the use of the new camera system, Gilbert shared that they are trying to stay ahead for IDEM as they recommend the cleaning of the lines every five (5) years. Gilbert shared the possibility of looking to purchase a vac truck to clean the sewers, and possibly talk with Fort Wayne as they trade on a regular basis.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, shared he had two (2) homes at 710 and 904 Schirmeyer Street that needed to be condemned and demolished. One of the homes is listed

for a tax sale while the other is current with the taxes. Letters have been sent. Witte noted a proper advertisement for a Public Hearing had been made. Thus, Coshow made a motion to suspend the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Coshow then made a motion to open the Public Hearing regarding the homes at 710 and 904 Schirmeyer Street. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

There was no one present to speak for or against the condemnation. Witte shared he recommends the demolishing of the homes for safety reasons, and this would allow the County to delete the tax debt. City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that he would talk to County Attorney, Mark Burry regarding the County turning the property over to the City. Coshow made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to reconvene the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to demolish the homes at 710 and 904 Schirmeyer Street. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. Mayor Meyer thanked Curt Witte and Bill Karbach for their work regarding these homes.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, brought up the former Eagles' building on Monroe Street, currently owned by Miller Supply, LLC. He noted the roof is blowing off and making the area unsafe. A letter had been sent to Miller to attend this evening's meeting but with his change of address, he did not receive the notification. Mayor Meyer received an email which showed that Miller was looking at selling the building and had different people interested in looking at it today. He promised to update Mayor Meyer on Monday, May 13, 2019. City Attorney, Tim Baker suggested Witte to also send a letter to the person that is on the tax record. Coshow made a motion for Witte to post a notice to condemn the building. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Corey Clark and Zach Benedict from MKM architecture + design were on hand and it was noted that they, and a group of Greater Decatur members had met regarding the finishing of the 1st Floor of the Second Street Lofts area which is owned by the City. Proposed drawing were handed out. Biggs is taking applications for tenants of the lofts to take residence by mid-July. Thus, the City needs to be working on the first floor. Councilman Collier shared that they had looked at having three (3) areas: a gallery, a meeting, and a retail area. Corey Clark commented that the State's bid threshold may have changed from \$150,000 to \$250,000 for Public Works Projects. The City Attorney will check on the threshold, may want to hold off in doing the project until after July 1st when the law changes. Coshow made a motion to allow Mayor Meyer to put the project out for bid unless State law changes in July. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Councilman Collier shared that with the need to get started on the first floor of the Second Street Lofts, it is also necessary to look for staff for the Creative Engagement Center. He shared the hiring of a part-time person to oversee the area. Brielle Adams, a second year art student, is recommended for five (5) hours a week with a maximum of 50 hours a month to coordinate events at a fee of \$12.00 an hour. Thus, the maximum cost for a month would be \$600. Karbach made a motion to recommend to the City Council that they hire Brielle Adams for this position. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer asked the Board of Works members if they had any thoughts regarding pay raises for 2020--flat rate or percentage. Karbach suggested using a percentage and also to consider

what the County is doing. Mayor Meyer asked if they wanted to do the same increase for the Police and Fire as the other employees. Karbach said he felt the Police and Fire needed to be addressed separately, especially since so many of the Police are going to Fort Wayne. Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright noted they need to come up with some kind of maximum for budgeting purposes. By consensus, the Board will review and make a decision at 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 7:32 P.M.