

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
June 2, 2020

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Rickord. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the May 19, 2020 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the Board regarding Amendment #7 to the CSO Long Term Control Plan contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for engineering assistance in the City's efforts to investigate the sanitary system to reduce I/I and other sources of clear water in the sanitary system, plan and prioritize system improvements, and monitor and document the results of the work. The goal is to reduce the size of the storage tank planned for Phase 4 of the Agreed Order. The contract will be on an as needed basis and will be effective through May 31, 2022, and not to exceed \$100,000.00. Coshow made a motion to approve Amendment #7 with AECOM. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding the method of payment to the various contractors working on the completion of the HIVE. It was noted that at the May 16, 2020 meeting Mayor Rickord had been approved to watch over the project. The Mayor, and the Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert and employee Dan Friedt will review the project and the invoices from the project. Fullenkamp made a motion to grant Mayor Rickord the authority to approve change orders with decreases and any increases up to \$2,500. If there are any additional cost to the project over \$2,500 will need to be brought before the Board for approval. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. During the discussion it was noted that payment could be made to contractors for material and labor as work is completed and presented to the Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright before noon the Thursday before the regularly scheduled meetings for approval.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the board seeking approval to add an amendment to the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manual for the Decatur Police Department to use bean bags with a revised shot gun for those instances when the taser is not appropriate or useable. He noted each shift will have one of the guns, and the officers have been trained by Training Officer, Derek Loshe. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the addition to the SOP manual. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager showed photos of new playground equipment for Hanna Nuttman Park. He informed the Board that \$50,000 had been donated for playground equipment and the City was awarded another \$50,000 of the \$250,000 requested from the RDA Grant proposal which can be used for the playground or lights. Thus, \$100,000 will be available when the grant funds are received. It was noted there could possibly be additional funds later which could be used toward the lighting. The playground would likely not be constructed until late summer or mid-fall. The playground equipment would not require taking bids as the price is from the State bid list. The cost for the playground equipment is around \$98,000 to \$99,000 including the materials and installation. The playground area would also include, concrete corn hole boards and a pickleball court. Gilbert shared that the Park Board was supportive of the proposal. No specific action was taken this evening.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Coshow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:35 P.M.

Addendum to the Board of Works meeting.

Following the adjournment of the Board of Public Works and Safety and prior to the opening of the City Council meeting, a couple of Decatur citizens were in attendance who live on 4<sup>th</sup> Street shared their concerns regarding the cruising that has been taking place on Friday and Saturday evenings. It was noted that the event has been going until 10:30 or 11:00 P.M. and has been very noisy. One commented his appreciation for what the City has been doing and feels the cruising may be counter-productive with the noise. One individual noted people could not even sit on their porch and have a good conversation because of the noise of the revving of engines and exhibition driving. Mayor Rickord shared he was not aware of the noise, or that it was going on beyond 9:00. The Mayor thanked the individuals for their input, and informed him that he would check with the Police Chief to stop individuals who are doing this. It was also noted that the situation may just take care of itself as the state re-opens up more.