

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
June 4, 2019

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, June 4, 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 May 21, 2019 meeting. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent seeking approval to remove and replace the valves and flange piping inside the existing valve vault at the 13th Street Lift Station at a cost of \$19,008.00 and also for additional basement RAS piping in the amount of \$26,311.00. The funds are from the Guaranteed Savings Contract and the work would be done by Kokosing Industrial. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the two projects using funds from the Guaranteed Savings Contract. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board regarding Officer Dan Hunter. It was noted Officer Hunter had fulfilled his year of probationary status about three (3) months ago and had now reached a level of competency to be placed on the Patrolman's Base Salary. Mayor Meyer made a motion to remove Officer Dan Hunter from Probationary status to a 1st Class Patrolman's base salary level. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer read a letter from Officer Joel Jackson noting his resignation from the Decatur Police Department as of June 1, 2019. Karbach made a motion to make Jackson's letter of resignation a matter of record. Seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral shared he would recommend the hiring of Eric Mitchel, a life-time resident of Adams County, as the person to replace Officer Joel Jackson. If approved, Chief Corral noted he will be taking Mitchel to Indianapolis for PERF testing on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Following the PERF results, if positive, in approximately ten (10) days, it is possible Mitchel could be on board on or before July 1, 2019. Coshow made a motion to have Chief Corral proceed with the hiring of Eric Mitchel after PERF's approval. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented two agreements for posting of signs for Decatur Ace Hardware 1220 S. 13th St., and also the American Legion Post 43 at 101 Madison St. for parking ordinance signs. Karbach made a motion to sign the agreements and approve the signs at each location. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Melissa Norby, Director of Community Development, appeared before the Board regarding work for the Capstone project with HCI. It was noted that the OCRA program through Purdue University had earlier awarded the City \$5,000 which the City matched. To date, \$3,500 has been spent in payment to Alex Mendez for one project, and Norby is seeking permission to use another \$5,000 for another project, which she received an estimate from Lofthouse Films to do promo videos and table top flyers of Decatur events to be used so groups, especially

restaurant workers, will know what is happening in Decatur for their employees to share the information with patrons. Mayor Meyer made a motion to allow Norby to proceed with the project. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Councilmen Collier, Dyer, Fullenkamp, and Sirk joined the remainder of the Board of Works meeting for information and input purposes only.

Melissa Norby, Director of Community Development, shared that she had met with the women who operate the Pennsy Depot regarding a change in the rules. It was shared that things had been going well until recently when checks for the deposits and rental costs had bounced. Thus, they are recommending changing the rules to have the deposits and rental fees paid by cash only. City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that letters could be sent notifying those with the bounced checks that they have to make the checks good, or they would be turned over to the Prosecutor. Karbach made a motion to change the rules to allow for cash only payments. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright then brought up the need of having some consistency of what part of the deposit should be kept if not all of the rules for the use of the Depot were followed appropriately. After discussion, Norby noted she would talk with those who operate the Pennsy Depot and perhaps they could come up with specifics for the amount of the deposit to be held, all or part of it, to keep as a result of rules not being followed. Attorney Baker recommended that any condition breaking the rules needs to be documented. Norby was directed to check with the Pennsy ladies on whether or not to keep all of the deposit or not if the rules are not followed, and report at the next meeting.

Mayor Meyer had been contacted by Denny Cookson, owner of a rental property at 503 Stratton Way, regarding flooding on the property. The home is built on a slab and is located at the lowest spot along the street. When there is flash flooding, water enters the home. It was shared that the pipes had been increased from 8" to 12" in that area several years ago to help with flooding. Discussion was held regarding upgrading to a 24" pipe. It was noted that several City residents have water problems, especially in basements, during flash flood rain events. Following a lengthy discussion, Mayor Meyer noted he would have a meeting with Mr. Cookson and Don Bergdall and Jeremy Gilbert to share various maps regarding the flood plain and so forth in that area. Bergdall will also contact the former City Engineer to get the history on this area.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported he has the title work completed, and the real estate agreement has been signed, and closing will take place next week on the Lytle's Hair Shack property to be purchased for the future Wastewater storage tank.

City Attorney Baker informed the Board that Mary Byer had a concern about the art work being displayed in the City, owned or leased. Thus, Attorney Baker had drafted a waiver of liability, assumption of risk and indemnification agreement to have the artists sign to protect the City from any damages to any of the art work. Karbach made a motion to approve the agreement form. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Baker reported that when the River Greenway Project was put in during the 1980's a Restrictive Covenant was to be included. However, when DNR representatives were involved with the Nature Preserve, which also needed the Restrictive Covenant, it was found that the River Greenway Covenant had been omitted. Baker noted most of the area is owned by the City and he had recreated all the appropriate deeds with two (2) still being completed. Baker asked for approval to have Mayor Meyer be allowed to sign the deeds on behalf of the City so

they could be properly recorded, and then sent to the State. Karbach made a motion to allow Mayor Meyer to sign the deeds on behalf of the City. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker will have an ordinance to present before the Council regarding changes in the City Code of Ordinances regarding sidewalks.

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

Adjournment was at 7:24 P.M.