

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
June 20, 2017

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Bill Karbach and Mayor Ken Meyer. Board member Cam Collier was absent. Councilman Craig Coshow sat in for information and discussion purposes only. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the June 6, 2017 meeting. There were no corrections. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor appointed Craig Coshow to serve as a member of the Board of Public Works and Safety effective July 1, 2017 until Cam Collier returns from military leave. Karbach made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment a matter of record, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Slike from AECOM gave an update regarding the Sewer Interceptor Project. He had two change orders for authorization and signatures. Change order #11--RP 1 and RP 2 -- seeding and grading at a cost of \$9,265. A motion to approve change order 11 at a cost of \$9,265 was made by Karbach, seconded by Meyer, and adopted. Change order #12—stone added to keep the steep river bank behind the Macklin Building from eroding at a cost of \$1,014.80. Karbach made a motion to approve change order #12 at a cost of \$1,014.80. Seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted. Slike then presented the monthly pay application for Fleming Excavating, Inc. of \$153,899.67 (including the 2 change orders). A motion to pay Fleming Excavating, Inc. the amount of \$153,899.67 was made by Meyer, seconded by Karbach, and adopted. Slike noted that Fleming's will be grading, re-seeding, milling and painting in the next two weeks. Final asphalt surface coating should be done the first full week of July. He shared the unused quantities, a rough estimate of \$160,000 will be deducted off the total project. Final payment and retainage will likely be in July.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent shared that with the great number of rains, everything with the Sewer Interceptor project seemed to be working well. The post monitoring plan will be up for consideration at the July 5th meeting.

Councilmen Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the meeting for discussion and information purposes only.

Ken Dunn with Mobilitie presented right-of-way utilization applications to install small cell equipment (5G network) to the City's existing wood light poles that are in the right-of-way located at 756-772 E. Monroe Street (near Belmont football field), and also at 1100-1108 Bollman Street (near Village Green Drive). The Board of Zoning had previously approved installing one at the Decatur Police station on a new light pole. Mr. Dunn shared that no more than 90 days the network should be up and running. Sprint is their carrier, and if there are any repairs needed, customers are to call Mobilitie's 800 number. Karbach made a motion to approve the locations and sign the right-of-way applications to allow the small cell equipment on the two (2) light poles with the stipulation that Mobilitie's insurance includes the City of Decatur in its coverage. Seconded by Meyer, the motion passed.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent received a quote to rehab the primary tank at the wastewater treatment plant from Amwell at a cost of \$14,020.00 for parts only. Karbach

made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$14,020 from the Sewage Operating fund. Seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Butcher also presented a quote for two dry pumps for the main lift station. The last one purchased was in 2009, and has needed many repairs. The quote for one pump was \$15,860.00, or two pumps cost \$29,420.00. She noted to rebuild the pump would cost 75% of the new one. A motion was made by Karbach to approve purchasing two pumps at a cost of \$29,420.00 from BBC Pump and Equipment Company, Inc. from the Sewage Operating fund. Motion was seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Butcher informed the Board of Works members that the final clarifier at the Wastewater Treatment Plant needs repaired. She has talked with engineers to redesign the clarifier. Engineers from American Structure Point will make a presentation at the next meeting on July 5th.

Mayor Meyer noted that with the grant to make the alley between Woodwings and The Home Place a pedestrian alley with art projects; Sherwin Williams is posing conflict regarding the ability to make deliveries to their location. Although a solution had been reached earlier, Sherwin Williams had contacted their corporate office which did not like the proposed plan to turn into the parking lot off Monroe Street, which the driver verified would work. After lengthy discussion it was decided by consensus to stay with the original plan. Mayor Meyer will contact Sherwin Williams of what was discussed.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared information regarding the person bitten by a dog as reported at the June 6, 2017 meeting. It was learned that the dog had bitten someone else earlier and thus was considered to be dangerous. The owner was put on notice to put the dog down or get it to a location outside city limits. The letter that was written by Attorney Baker to the owner was made a matter of record by Meyer, and seconded by Karbach, and adopted.

Regarding the illegal sewage connection at the apartment building located at the corner of Monroe and First Street was first brought to the attention of the Board at the June 6, 2017 meeting. City Attorney Baker noted he had sent a letter to the owner, Mr. McWilliams, stating the City would provide the tap at no cost and place the lateral to the building, but the owner must do the inside work. If not accepted, a lien would be placed on the building and services would be discontinued. Mr. McWilliams was given the date of July 5, 2017 to respond. It was noted that if there is no cooperation, the City would file with the Board of Health and IDEM. A motion to make the notification a matter of record was made by Meyer, seconded by Karbach, and passed.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared that he and Mayor Meyer had met with Mike Pettibone and Jeff Sheets regarding the Safety Park. A proposal was presented that Safety Park would pay a lump sum of \$1,000 to the City each year to pay utilities and that the Safety Park group would maintain the buildings. By consensus, Baker was directed to draw up a new agreement between the City and Safety Park.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker reported that on 100 West (Grey Goose area), Brett Arnold had connected to the city sewer line, which has been inspected by the Asst. Wastewater Supt., Verlin Butcher. This will need to be dedicated and in operation for one year before it becomes the City's. The City Attorney also mentioned that the property owners on West Monroe Street have not connected into the City's sewer even after Attorney Adams Miller has sent letters to the homeowners in May.

It was shared that earlier this evening the Decatur Plan Commission had approved and recommended for Board action the release of the letter of Credit regarding Fairway Lakes, LLC development. The Letter of Credit was required until the roads had their final coating for one year, which is June 26, 2017. Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert reported the roads have been inspected. A motion was made by Karbach and seconded by Meyer to release the Letter of Credit as of June 26, 2017. The motion was adopted. As they approach the next stage of development, it was noted further action may be needed.

Brought up as an informational item for future thoughts was the North Adams Community Schools' building project of \$33 million. The builder has asked for a waiver of fees. The City has concern of the need of possibly hiring someone to overlook the project and feels a need to look at the cost that might be involved. It was noted that Curt Witte, Building/Zoning Superintendent, could do the job but would not have time to do other needed duties. This will be discussed at the July 5th Plan Commission meeting and recommend to Council to make the final decision.

Mayor Meyer noted he would like to begin the process of getting the Mark's Heating building property out of the Sewage Utility and into the City's jurisdiction. He feels there is a need to begin some compensation to the Sewage Utility perhaps over a period of years. The Mayor asked Council to consider this property for future development.

Police Chief, Greg Cook shared he had been approached by a group to donate the bikes from the Police Department so they could provide them to children in need. This would need to be done by ordinance. These bikes must be held at least one year and in the past they have been auctioned off. Council is to think about how they want to handle this, and discuss at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Karbach to make the letter of resignation from Machine Operator/Crew Leader Nathan Heyerly a matter of record. Seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted. Heyerly's last work day was Friday, June 16, 2017.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert will be advertising for a new Machine Operator and Sanitation Collector.

Regarding a sewage backup claim, it was noted Curt Witte, Department of Building/Zoning, had investigated and learned a homeowner failed to install a floor drain when a bathroom was put in their basement. A letter has been prepared and needs to be approved by the City's insurance before being sent out.

Mayor Meyer shared he had received notification that a change in law gives the City the option to create a Wheel Tax. Procedural steps have to be submitted by July 31, 2017. He noted he was bringing up the topic to be able to consider it. He shared he will talk to Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, regarding whether funds are needed or not. It was noted that Rep. Matt Lehman shared that when requesting INDOT funds they will probably ask if the City is using all funding resources that are available. Council will discuss if they want to pursue this at the next meeting.

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

Adjournment was at 7:27 p.m.