

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
July 21, 2020

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the July 7, 2020 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was a proposed storm sewer near the south entrance of the Homestead addition. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that there has been a lot of flooding and water main breaks in the Homestead addition. Gilbert informed the Board that Brett Miller of Miller Land Surveying had done some survey work of the area about a year ago. A 36-inch pipe should be used where currently there is a 12-inch pipe. Approval from the drainage board will be needed if larger than an 18-inch pipe is installed. Gilbert recommended replacing the water and storm sewer with 550 plus feet of 36 inch pipe down the middle of the road with outlets being run from that pipe. Gilbert estimated the cost to be \$160,000 to \$165,000. Fullenkamp noted many of the residents have holes in front of their homes and that the residents have been without water four (4) times in the last three (3) weeks due to the main breaks. A discussion was held regarding possible funding for the project. Savings from Phase I of the water bond projects was suggested as a possibility. Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor shared that they may not need to use those funds if the work is done in-house, may be able to use operating funds. Coshow made a motion to move forward with Brett Miller doing work on a design for the project, and then put the project out for bids. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

It was noted that the resurfacing of High Street will be done this year as part of the Community Crossings Matching Grant from Mercer Avenue to the second entrance of Homestead. By consensus, Gilbert was given approval to patch the road from the last entrance of Homestead to the Knights of Columbus.

At the previous meeting, quotes for brick work at the fire station had been rejected and new specification were provided to the three contractors. Fire Chief, Les Marckel and Asst. Fire Chief, Jim Hitchcock appeared before the Board with three (3) quotes for tuck pointing, power washing, and sealing. It was noted that one of the contractors, Brett Gibson would not quote anything less than what felt needed to be done, which was greater than what was included in the specifications. Gibson quoted masonry restoration of \$48,000 to \$50,000, the other two quotes received was from Weigand Construction in the amount of \$35,500. It was noted that the work could not be done until next year. The third quote was from Miguel A. Suarez for \$15,560.00. Asst. Fire Chief, Jim Hitchcock recommended the quote from Suarez. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the \$15,560.00 quote from Miguel Suarez, and look for possible funding for the project if it is done this year. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. It was discussed to use LOIT Public Safety fund if funds could be transferred from the equipment account to the maintenance account. To do this, Council will need to approve the transfer at their meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented the Conditional Employment Contract for the new Police Patrolman, Colyn Torson. Fullenkamp made a motion to make the contract a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment for Colyn Torson who was sworn in on Monday, July 20th and will begin as a new Police Patrolman on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Whitright noted that the Board of Works members had approved at the June 16th meeting for the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to sign the contract with Brooks Construction for the street resurfacing project through the 2020 Community Crossings Matching Grant once the contract was received. Whitright presented the contract from Brooks Construction in the amount of \$807,749.68 for 12 streets to be paved. Coshow made a motion to make the contract with Brooks Construction a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright noted another employee has completed the necessary paperwork to donate ten (10) eight (8) hour days of sick leave to an employee who has met all the criteria as stated in the Employees Handbook to receive donated sick leave, and now will need the Boards approval. Coshow made a motion to approve the donated sick leave. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported that an Executive meeting was held in regards to purchasing real estate. The Board of Public Works and Safety is responsible for naming a purchasing agent. Fullenkamp made a motion to name Mayor Rickord as the purchasing agent. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. A resolution will be presented before City Council regarding the purchase of real estate.

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 6:40 P.M.