

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
September 4, 2018

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, 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 August 21, 2018 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Slike of AECOM appeared before the Board with Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent, regarding Amendment 3 to the initial contract for the monitoring and modeling of the CSO Long Term Control Plan Phase 3 interceptor and relief sewer project. Amendment 3 allows AECOM to continue the plan for final report to IDEM by the end of the year. The amendment will be in place until a new contract is adopted in October. The cost of the work involved for Amendment 3 is not to exceed \$25,000.00 and it expires October 31, 2018. Various options for the location of a 2 ½ to 3 million gallon tank for storage were suggested as follows: 1) at the back end of the compost site, 2) the new treatment plant which would require land acquisition, 3) area across from the high school, which wouldn't work as that area was created for overflow with the 224 project, and 4) the old jail site. Also suggested was the Monroe Street tank site which won't be vacated soon enough and is planned as a back-up tank. Resident Mary Byer suggested a six-acre lot for sale in the area, but it was decided that acreage was in the flood plain. Karbach made a motion to accept Amendment 3 at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 so AECOM can continue working through October 31, 2018 in order to develop the final options to be ready to report to IDEM by the end of the year. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Councilmen Cam Collier, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the remainder of the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting for discussion and information purposes only.

Tina Wolffe of Kokosing was present to share an update regarding the first part of the clarifier project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. She shared slides of various aspects of the project which she noted was going according to plan. Ms. Wolffe was thanked for presenting her update.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright requested purchasing from the Cumulative Capital Improvement (CCI) fund new software to maintain the City's assets, which are currently being done manually. The software is compatible with the City's accounting software. Karbach made a motion to approve the purchase of the software at a cost of \$2,700. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board to request the transfer of \$700 within the Police Department's budget 436-Repairs & Maintenance account to the Police 429-other supplies account to purchase 6 new automatic rifles. He shared the building is in good shape and the funds are not needed for any building updates this year. Chief Corral was asked about the sound proofing of the building, Corral responded the sound proofing project is scheduled for next year. Corral reported he recently updated the security cameras at the police station. Coshow made a motion to transfer the funds and recommended for the Clerk-Treasurer

Whitright to prepare a resolution so the transfer can be finalized at the September 18, 2018 council meeting. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Chief Corral updated the Board members regarding the hiring of a new officer. He shared that 18 candidates had confirmed that they would appear for the physical agility test and only 11 showed, 6 failed the agility test, and 2 failed the written exam, which leaves only 3 applicants. Polygraph tests will be given on September 19, 20, and 21 by the Allen County Sheriff's Department. Chief Corral informed the Board that one of the current officers may be moving to Decatur County. Karbach suggested the Police Department follow the same process as in the past, and keep the list of potential hires through the year. It was shared that home visits have been held and Chief Corral noted he feels good about the three (3) applicants so far. He shared one (1) candidate is from Fort Wayne and two (2) are from Decatur. He also shared that there are five (5) officers who could retire that have 20 years of service.

Mayor Meyer shared he had three (3) items to discuss:

The first item was an update regarding Cottonwood Estates. Mr. Kos had hired a firm from Huntington to demolish the mobile homes and Bunn to bring in dumpsters. They loaded a couple of dumpsters and the Huntington firm smashed 16 mobile homes and left the materials setting on the frames. Mr. Kos had contacted Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert, and shared he wanted to discuss some options. Mr. Kos wants to know if the City would assist in the removal of hauling the materials to Fort Wayne. Gilbert shared he asked Mr. Kos his intentions and why he only wanted to demolish 26 homes. Gilbert shared he had received a call Friday evening from someone who is somewhat interested in the property but not with the things as they are. Mr. Kos is willing to pay as charged by the City so the City is not out of anything. Options are still available. The question is, if Mr. Kos is willing to front the City with the money, and is he is willing to get the excavator and Bunn to get continuous drivers ready to go so the City would just have to load the containers. A February 19, 2019 deadline looms that if not done by this date, the City will be involved anyway. City Attorney, Tim Baker suggested two (2) items: Mr. Kos must stay current with utilities and he must work with the public utilities to make sure they are shut off properly. Coshow made a motion to allow Jeremy Gilbert to further his discussions with Mr. Kos and if he, Mayor Meyer, and the City Attorney come to an agreement, the process can proceed. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

The second item that Mayor Meyer had for consideration was the house located at 134 N. First Street. The City had closed on the property on Friday, August 31, 2018. Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert, Civil Infrastructure Manager Don Bergdall, and Councilman Coshow had toured the building and found it to be in very poor condition. Pictures were shared to show the condition and it was noted there was a great stench from animals being in the building. Mayor Meyer shared he feels the City would be wise to make a decision sooner rather than later regarding the demolition of the building. Coshow made a motion to recommend to the Council that demolition be done as soon as possible. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

The third item to be considered was the brick wall left from the demolition of the building on the northwest corner of First and Monroe Streets. Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that if this project is put out for bid, to do the same kind of work as done on the wall next to Founders Park, the cost would be in the range of \$120,000. He shared he had talked with Brent Arnold to get an estimate, and he suggested a similar wall without the design would be in the range of \$60,000. As per Indiana Code, if the cost is over \$150,000 bids are required. If the cost is \$50,000 to \$150,000 bids are not necessary as the City can get three (3) quotes with specs. Gilbert shared he had talked with a couple contractors and they are willing to help compose the specs. It was shared a lot of the brick is soft brick and won't last long. A question

to be answered is how the area would be used following the finishing of the wall. By consensus, Gilbert is to come up with a set of specs and to get quotes.

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

Adjournment was at 7:29 P.M.