

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
September 15, 2020

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, September 15, 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 September 1, 2020 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Coshow then made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2020 Special Board of Public Works & Safety meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Oath of Office a matter of record for Police Reserve Officer, Blaze Brooks. Seconded by Coshow the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board and shared that he had received a letter of resignation from Officer Daniel Hunter with his last day being September 25, 2020. It was noted Officer Hunter was making a lateral move to Gas City for financial reasons. Chief Corral shared that when Officer Blaze Brooks left the force on February 28, 2020, he left to be able to spend more time with family but after leaving realized he missed being on the police force. Thus, Chief Corral sought permission to rehire Officer Brooks as a full-time officer. Brooks would not need to attend the Academy but would need to go through the PERF process. It was noted that Brooks would need very little training. Fullenkamp made a motion to authorize Chief Corral to replace Officer Daniel Hunter with Officer Blaze Brooks. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. Mayor Rickord shared that he had talked with some current officers and they were all pleased to have Officer Brooks return to the force. Chief Corral will keep the Board posted regarding another officer who is planning to lateral to the Fort Wayne Police Department.

Coshow made a motion to make Officer Daniel Hunter's letter of resignation a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Corral noted that Hunter is on the old employment contract agreement, which he will be reimbursing the City for equipment and training that he received.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent appeared before the Board regarding a scheduled Public Hearing for the demolition of the home at 1046 Vine Street, Decatur. Witte had talked with Elyssa Meade who represented the financial institution which holds the loan for the home and she had shared that a contractor has been hired to work on the home. Witte suggested that the Public Hearing be tabled as he told Ms. Meade he would not cancel the hearing but schedule it for a later date. Noting it would take some time to get the home livable, Witte suggested a lengthy time before scheduling another hearing. City Attorney Tim Baker advised that the Public Hearing should have a definite date set or be canceled. Witte shared the contractor hired had given him a list of things to be done including the electric work, plumbing, cleaning up the outside and so forth. Witte noted he will continue to overlook the progress of the contractor. Coshow made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing for November 17, 2020 which could be canceled if work is continuing in an appropriate manner and considered to be going in the right direction by Witte. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager noted that bids had been received for the demolition of the Evergreen Facility at the September 1, 2020 Board of Works meeting. Following the awarding of the bid to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder at the Special Board of Works meeting on September 3, 2020 it was learned from an environmental study, additional work would be involved for asbestos removal included in the demolition. Gilbert had worked with the contractor, Advanced Demolition and Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission (MRBC) regarding this additional cost. Rather than using a change order for the additional work, Renkenberger preferred a second contract. Coshow made a motion to approve the second contract with Advanced Demolition for the \$13,000. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. This will be paid with funds loaned by Adams Memorial Hospital, which will be reimbursed by the grant once grant funds are released from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) to the City. Gilbert noted that time is of the essence as once the contract is signed, Renkenberger needs to review and sign the contract and then the contract will need to be forwarded to IDEM. It appears October 1, 2020 will be the start date. Gilbert noted the gas company has been to the facility and the City needs to do a little work. Coshow made a motion to allow Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert, City Attorney Tim Baker, Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and MRBC Director Rod Renkenberger work together to get all the documents ready and signed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that during the fund raiser for Hanna Nuttman Park renovations, the REV Group had given \$200,000 for the Complex. The agreement with REV included providing of signage to recognize REV. Gilbert shared that REV had worked with Chris Krull of the Parks Department to come up with the appropriate signage design. Signage will be placed at two (2) locations. Brent Gibson of Brent Gibson Masonry, Ohio City, Ohio, will provide the materials and do the masonry work and Bear's Den will make the signs. Earlier in the year Gibson had given a quote of \$14,500. Work for another job changed, so Gibson will provide the materials and changed the quote to \$14,000. Gilbert had requested another quote from another contractor, but received no response. It was noted that there is a shortage of masons to do this type of work, so Coshow made a motion to proceed with Brent Gibson doing the masonry work for the signage at a cost of \$14,000. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

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 6:36 P.M.