

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
October 2, 2018

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, October 2, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Councilman Bill Karbach, Craig Coshow, 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 September 18, 2018 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes which were amended to correct the name of Sam Haines to Seth Haines in reference to the Can-do Media trash containers. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was the fire department's requirement for a shut-off valve for any sprinkler system installed in any new or renovated building. Kevan Biggs was in attendance to answer any questions as the shut-off valve is necessary for the 2nd Street Lofts. Les Marckel, Fire Chief, and Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, shared that code requires a shut-off valve between the main and the sprinkling system if a sprinkling system is installed. It was then noted that there were three (3) options. One option would have the PIV jutting out from the building, another option would be a pit into the building, and the third option would be the least intrusive by placing the PIV along the sidewalk in line with street signage and hidden by the large flower pot. Marckel noted they tried to make installation as simple as possible for Biggs. It was noted the shut-off valve would be red. Coshow made a motion to accept the proposed location along the sidewalk. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared he had prepared letters to be sent to the owners and tenants at 1046 Vine Street and 1003 Schirmeyer Street, giving notice that they have until the next meeting on October 16, 2018 to clean up their property. He noted one owner lives in Indianapolis and would be notified by certified mail, and the other lives in Decatur. Karbach asked if the City could charge a fine rather than removing the materials, Baker shared that would include going to court and getting an injunction. Thus, there would be the cost of litigation. The City Attorney recommended taking photos if any items are removed from the property. Karbach made a motion to approve the letters prepared by the City Attorney be delivered to the property owners. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The properties that Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent brought up at the previous meeting for possible demolition were reviewed, noting there were no living owners. City Attorney Baker and Witte are going to check with Huntington, Indiana officials to see if they have had similar situations. In the meantime, the buildings will be secured so no one can enter them for safety reasons.

The City Attorney excused himself from the meeting to attend a family event.

Lennie Corral, Police Chief appeared before the Board. He announced he had received word that there had been two (2) drug overdose cases and the individuals were saved with the Narcan program. Thus, he noted, the program is working well. Officer Reid Arnold had been active in both cases.

Chief Corral shared he was seeking approval to hire the 19th officer. After extensive study and interviews, he recommended the hiring of Dan McGill, a 28 year old life-long resident of Decatur. Coshow made a motion to approve the hiring of Dan McGill as the 19th officer for the Decatur Police Department. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Chief Corral then shared a current officer told him he plans to resign in the next 4-5 weeks as he plans to move to Central Indiana. He shared 30 year old Nathan Hunter had passed all background checks, home visits, polygraph test, and interviews. Chief Corral noted he would like to be able to contact Hunter when the resignation is tendered. Karbach made a motion to approve the hiring of Nathan Hunter to replace a current officer when his resignation is official. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Chief Corral noted that the recent Police Reserve Nick Engle has left the Reserves to work for the County Sheriff's Department. He also shared the School Resource Officer should be in the school by the next couple of weeks as the new officers who returned from the Police Academy will be on their own in a short time, likely next week.

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

Fire Chief, Les Marckel shared information he and Kevin Wellman and Jeff Sheets had received at a recent National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) meeting. He shared the emphasis of the NFPA 3000 document presented was on shootings, which takes place in churches, industries, schools, etc., which are all locations that are found in Adams County. Marckel noted that law enforcement has things pretty well locked up but the involvement of fire departments will need additional training and as policies are instated, budgets will need to include funding for items used for ballistics protection. He shared the firefighters and police might work in teams of four (4) with two from each department. Items being taught are related to stop bleeding as most deaths in shooting incidents are caused by bleeding. Thus, firefighters are taught how to pack bullet wounds, address chest wounds, and how to apply a tourniquet. Chief Marckel shared public education was a big part of the program. School children are being taught to run, hide, and fight which is a change from the earlier concept of all getting into one room. Since bleed control is so important, students are being taught in that area. When asked if the NFPA 3000 document was a mandate, it was shared it's a document providing suggestions currently.

Fire Chief Marckel announced a meeting on October 24, 2018 from 1-4 p.m., which he felt City elected officials would be invited to attend, and he encouraged their attendance for a walk through put on by Channel 39 and John Hopkins University.

Councilman Sirk mentioned that training classes are also being offered in Fort Wayne on October 22, 2018 at no charge, but would need to register through the Department of Education. The classes do offer CEU credits.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the publication for sealed bids for water conditioning salt and street salt bids for 2019. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed.

Sealed bids for 3,000 tons of water conditioning and 300 tons for street salt were opened and read aloud by the Mayor, with the following results: Compass Materials International – no bids offered, RBS, Inc. d/b/a Graham Feed Co.-conditioning salt \$125.60/ton, Morton Salt - no bids offered, Cargill Salt - street salt no bid, Cargill Salt – conditioning salt \$118/ton, Midwest Salt - conditioning salt \$116.66/ton, and 300 tons of street salt \$141.50/ton, Detroit Salt Co.- up to 200 tons of street salt \$97.49/ton. Karbach made a motion for Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert to take the bids under advisement and report back at the next meeting on October 16, 2018. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that in the original water bond three areas were identified for work. The areas include a main connector along 500 N from Deer Run to Oak Grove, total main and hydrant replacement at High Street from Grant (headed south), and the Homestead addition. Plans were drafted by Midwestern Engineers, and were included in the bond. Gilbert is seeking permission to go ahead with bid specifications for these projects to be put out for bids. Coshow made a motion to give Gilbert permission to proceed with the bid specifications to advertise for bids. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Gilbert next brought up the need to re-roof the Riverside Center. He noted it was originally included in the 2019 budget at \$40,000, but it was withdrawn from the 2019 budget due to the caps, and was previously approved to pay from the current Riverboat fund instead. He had sought two (2) quotes for a metal roof, Extreme Builders had quoted \$36,400.00, and Eric Lengacher Construction quoted \$42,000.00. Coshow made a motion to accept the low quote from Extreme Builders with the advisement of Gilbert on roofing materials. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

The next item brought up by Gilbert was the sound system for Madison Street Plaza. He shared he is meeting with Chris Caston of Innovative Concepts on Friday. He shared the original quote was \$24,000 to \$25,000. With updated equipment, it is thought that amount would be closer to \$50,000. However, with demo equipment which is really new equipment being purchased by Innovative at a 50% discount, and with Caston donating in-kind work as his donation to the project, the new cost would be right at \$30,000. Gilbert had checked with Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne and found they sell the equipment but would not install it. It was noted that Chris Caston should be given some sort of recognition for all his time and donation. Mayor Meyer noted there is about \$181,000 in the Capital Campaign funds at the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), and the sound system is one of the last large expense for the Madison Street Plaza. Mayor Meyer suggested the possibility of transferring any monies left from the Capital Campaign funds to put towards the Hanna Nuttman Project. Councilman Collier noted the Capital Campaign funds were originally for the Madison Street Plaza project and that they need to be careful with its use. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the sound system at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 to be paid from the Capital Campaign funds held at the ACCF. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Karbach asked Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert about any progress regarding the wall at the northwest corner of 1st and Monroe Streets and learned they are still working on it.

It was shared that four (4) new trash containers had been placed along Second Street, which were paid from the Sanitation Department budget. When asked if Councilman Dyer had any input from merchants to contribute for the containers, Dyer shared he had not approached any merchants yet, but would do so. Karbach noted some recognition should be given for any contributor.

Gilbert shared the trash containers on Madison Street Plaza are on bases and are very tall, making it difficult to remove the trash. He inquired if anyone objected to removing the bases. There were no objections.

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

Adjournment was at 7:28 P.M.