

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
October 5, 2021

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp and Mayor Pro Tem Matt Dyer. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Timothy Baker. Mayor Rickord was out of town attending the AIM Summit conference.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the September 21, 2021 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Coshow made a motion to make the resignation letters from Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, and Marty Martin, Crew Leader for the Public Works Department a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Their last work day was Friday, October 1, 2021.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert appeared before the Board regarding an engine issue for the recycling truck. Gilbert shared that the Sanitation Department has taken some financial hits for repairs the last couple of years. The 2009 International Harvester garbage truck had been kept as a spare. It was noted that last week one of the recycling trucks lost a cylinder. Gilbert noted that it would be too costly to repair the engine. Gilbert sought permission to see if he could possibly sell the recycling truck through an auction, and then be able to purchase a dumpster truck/trailer for recycling, but wanted some direction from the Board members. Coshow made a motion for Gilbert to proceed to look into various options and do what he feels is best. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Coshow instructed Gilbert to get with the Mayor when he returns from the conference of what he decides.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert also informed the Board that with the resignations of Don Bergdall and Marty Martin, these positions are posted internally until Thursday, October 7, 2021 and then any openings would be posted externally. He noted there is some interest internally to transfer from one position to another. Gilbert will get the job postings to the media once the external posting has ended.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent appeared before the Board seeking a demolition order for the house at 904 Schirmeyer Street. Witte noted he had been working on this residence for some time and he needs to act as the building is not fit for anyone to live in and has become a safety issue. Coshow made a motion to declare an emergency due to the condition of the building and allow for a demolition order. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:27 P.M.