

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
November 3, 2020

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and Attorney Anne Razo, who was filling in for City Attorney Tim Baker.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the October 20, 2020 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was for the Fire Chief Les Marckel seeking information regarding the liquidation of Engine 104 Fire Truck, with a 1989 Ford Cab, and a 1991 International Rescue Squad truck with equipment. The trucks and equipment have become surplus property, which could be offered first to a fire department within Adams County. If none of the departments within the county show any interest, then departments outside Adams County can bid on the surplus vehicles and equipment. Coshow made a motion to allow Chief Marckel to offer the surplus property by contacting all four (4) other departments in Adams County. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. It was noted that if there is no interest shown by Adams County departments, a resolution will need to be adopted in order to offer the vehicles and equipment to other county departments. Chief Marckel shared that there was no rush as the trucks and equipment would be kept until the new fire truck arrives, likely in the middle of December.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the Board regarding a quote of \$41,544 that had been submitted by Kokosing Industrial to replace the existing floor drain system in the intermediate basement level pump room of the belt press building. Money would be used from the \$80,000 remaining in the guaranteed savings contract with Kokosing. Coshow made a motion to allow Fuelling to proceed with the maintenance improvements. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Wastewater Supt. Fuelling also requested permission to replace the controller for the UV disinfection unit. The Henry P. Thompson Company is the exclusive supplier for Trojan Technologies UV systems. The quote is \$17,419 plus freight and \$2,600 for installation. Coshow made a motion to allow Fuelling to proceed with replacement of the controller on the UV disinfection unit at a cost of \$20,019.00 for the equipment and installation, plus freight charges. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

At the previous meeting the Board of Works members approved for the Police Chief to hire the 20<sup>th</sup> Police Officer. Police Chief Lennie Corral appeared before the Board who presented a resignation letter from Officer Casey Springer who resigned from the Department effective October 25, 2020. Chief Corral is seeking permission to fill the vacancy of Officer Casey Springer. Coshow made a motion to make the letter of resignation a matter of record, seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Corral to proceed with filling the vacancy. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was the opening of bids for Decatur's farm lease properties. Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the notice of publication seeking bids for the farms located on 600 N and 450 N, Decatur. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There was one bid received for the 45.964 acres located on 600 N. Mayor Rickord opened the bid, and Attorney Anne Razo read the bid aloud from Dan Workinger of Workinger Farms, Inc. The bid was for \$145.00 per acre for a total of \$6,664.78 per year. Coshow made a motion to accept the Workinger bid. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The bids for the 27.65 acres located on 450 N, Decatur were then opened by the Mayor, and Attorney Razo read the bids aloud. The first bid was from Dan Workinger of Workinger Farms, Inc. who bid \$155 per acre for a total of \$4,285.75. Kim & Craig Fruechte of Fruechte Farms bid \$245 per acre for a total of \$6,774.25; and Mark Bulmahn bid \$250 per acre for a total of \$6,912.50. Bidders who had submitted a bid were given an opportunity to increase their bid, Workinger declined, Fruechte's increased their bid from \$245 to \$250 per acre. Bulmahn was unable to be present at the meeting, so Coshow made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the Clerk-Treasurer to contact Mr. Bulmahn to allow him the opportunity to increase his bid, and then accept the highest bid at the next meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the 2021 holiday schedule which is the same as the 2020 schedule. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager appeared before the Board regarding a possible change order regarding the demolition of the former Evergreen Assisted Living Apartment building on Mercer Ave. Gilbert informed the Board members that the contractor, Advanced Demolition Services of McComb, Ohio did not include the cost of getting rid of non-recyclable materials which are the result of the building originally having a flat roof. The request is to cover additional disposal costs for the non-recyclable materials to be \$20,250.00. Gilbert is working with Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission, and Renkenberger is in contact with the State who will determine if this will increase the price of the project. They would likely hear back from the State next week. It was noted that with this additional cost, plus the environmental and base bid, the total amount is still below the next lowest bidder's amount. This project has to be done by November 30<sup>th</sup>, but no decision will be made on the change order until more inform from the State is received. By consensus, it was decided to wait for an answer from the State and Renkenberger, and then decide if a special meeting is needed.

A discussion regarding the treatment agreement with the Adams County Regional Sewer District was opened by Barry Scherer, Director of the Sewer District, and their attorney Mark Burry as well as Commonwealth representative Ben Adams. The original agreement was brought about in 2014 and needs to be amended. Attorney Burry reported that the reason for the amendment is to add new connection points to come into the City, maps were handed out to show the service areas interconnection points. The District already received bids, there will be no change in rates, they did remove Exhibit D, which was not being utilized, and all other terms remain the same. District is requesting map revisions, and will work with Department Heads to get updated. Scherer outlined work had been done at Monmouth, Pleasant Mills, and Arcadia Village. Grants have been received for work to be done in Preble, Peterson, Barrington Woods, and the Clem's Lake area, and a \$8 million grant had been received for the \$10 million project. Scherer noted that with the sewer hook-ups in place, that could possibly encourage growth in buildings and residents. The proposed amendment was submitted for the City Officials and Department Heads to review. Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Supt., remarked that the Wastewater Treatment Plant does have the capacity to take the additional sewers into the City. It was also noted that the District wanted to make sure the sewer hook-up was extended to Prestress Services Industries to keep them in Decatur with their 150-200 employees. Coshow made a motion to take the treatment agreement amendment #1 under advisement until it can be executed at the next meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Attorney Burry also encouraged City officials to attend the County Plan Commission on Monday evening for any comments pertaining to the subdivision development in the County.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright noted a need for an amendment regarding the sick leave donation for what had been approved at the previous meeting. The employee who donated 23 sick days had resigned and would have only received a percentage of sick days to donate. Coshow made a motion to amend the sick days previously approved in order to follow the employees' handbook, and change the donated sick days from 23 to 2 days. 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 7:10 P.M.