

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
November 6, 2018

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Bill Karbach and Mayor Ken Meyer. Absent was Craig Coshow. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 16, 2018 meeting. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmen Cam Collier, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the Board of Works meeting for discussion and informational purposes for a presentation by representatives from AECOM regarding the Phase 4 of the CSO Long Term Control Plan.

Jim Garrard, Todd Frauhiger, and Bill Slike were present from AECOM regarding the agreement (amendment #4) for Phase 4 and Final Report of the CSO Long Term Control Plan which deals with the storage tank; potential location sites for the tank, the size of the tank, or use of the tank versus the use of high rate treatment for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was noted that Phase 4 is the final phase and the report is due to IDEM in December. Plans are to design another tank in 2019, bid the project in 2020, and finish in June 2021. It was shared that IDEM has an Agreed Order that the City would have a tank years ago, and the City is still tied into that. However, that can be changed to another option with updated options now available. Sirk asked if the current tank could be expanded and was told that was unrealistic as the current tank is 20 years old, but it would be considered. City Attorney, Tim Baker noted the infrastructure tends to degrade and in the future the tank may not be sufficient, which could be an expensive proposition. Representatives from AECOM shared they would look at the high rate treatment method as well as other options for the Phase 4 plan. Sirk asked about using another firm for the Long Term Control Plan Phase 4 and City Attorney Baker gave a short history of the hiring of AECOM compared to others and Anne Butcher, representing the Wastewater Department, noted changing firms would be like starting over. It was questioned if the City could make repairs first before building another tank. According to AECOM even though repairs are made, a new tank would still be needed, due to the size of the lines are not sufficient. It was mentioned that another bond at the end of next year will be needed to pay for this project. City Attorney Baker urged the Board and Council members to contact local Senators and Representatives for additional funding that is needed to clean up the rivers. Karbach made a motion to continue the process and approve the agreement (amendment #4) through January 2019 with AECOM at a cost not to exceed \$117,384 and authorized Mayor Meyer to sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Councilmen Collier, Dyer, Fullenkamp and Sirk excused themselves from the Board of Works meeting.

Chief of Police, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board to recommend that Officer Joel Jackson be removed from probationary employment status as of November 1st, and to increase his rate of pay to a 1st Class Patrolman. Karbach made a motion to approve the recommendation that Officer Joel Jackson become a 1st Class Patrolman. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Chief Corral noted he, and Deputy Chief, Mahan would be taking the new officer, Nathan Hunter to Indianapolis to go through the psychological testing at PERF. Daniel McGill has passed the PERF testing and should hear back from PERF on his hire date. He also shared that officer Austin Gross had given his letter of resignation and is aware of the employment contract and his need to make repayment to the City.

Karbach made a motion to make it a matter of record that Anne Butcher will continue at the Wastewater Department as a consultant as needed. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted. The number of hours will depend on what the new Superintendent Karey Fuelling is working on and what she needs help with.

Karbach made a motion to make it a matter of record that Suzi Wolpert would replace Karey Fuelling for the part-time lab technician position at the Wastewater Department. The lab technician position is a Class II non-certified classification at a starting rate of pay of \$15.00 per hour and will work 15-20 hours a week. The motion was seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer noted that Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent was not yet a Certified Operator but Verlin Butcher, or Luke Harvey, or Brice Gavin can sign off on reports for the next 1½ years until Fuelling gains Certified Operator status.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented the Holiday Schedule for 2019 with thirteen (13) holidays. Karbach made a motion to adopt the presented Holiday Schedule for 2019. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Whitright then presented a couple changes orders from Primco for the Madison Street Plaza project. She noted the first change order was a credit of \$2,700.00 due to the nine sign post were not performed. The second change order was for additional electrical work done by Primco at the cost of \$32,275.60. Karbach made a motion to approve the change orders. Seconded by Mayor Meyer, the motion was adopted. By consensus, the final pay and change orders to Primco will be paid with the funds held at the Adams County Community Foundation.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, noted they are still working on sound system for Madison Street Plaza. Mayor Meyer shared there were still a few things he would like to see done such as the overhang above the restroom door. It was suggested by Councilman Collier that \$25,000 be left in the fund as seed money for such projects as Streetscapes.

Gilbert noted he, Mayor Meyer, and City Attorney Baker had met and are working with the City/County Park Board regarding Trail Planning. It was shared that Randy Lehman of the Berne Trails informed Gilbert of 26 parcels of abandon railroad properties that had been listed for a tax sale. Talking with County Attorney Mark Burry they were told the parcels could not be removed from the tax sale. However, Burry talked with the Commissioners and they agreed to remove the 26 parcels from tax sale, reserving the rights for the City of Decatur and the Park Board. Burry is to contact the Railroad officials to tell them that if they transfer the land to the City, their tax obligation would be removed. The City and Park Board would like to acquire the parcels even if they are not used immediately. Gilbert shared they are looking at the possibility of acquiring areas that could eventually connect the trail with the South Adams Trails. Gilbert noted he was seeking permission to discuss the options with the County Commissioners. In another issue Gilbert noted a problem with people walking down Patterson Street. He is seeking permission to talk with CSX Railroad to see if they would give the area to Decatur as the rail has been abandoned. If acquired they could run a trail along there which could even go around Hanna Nuttman. Gilbert also noted he had met with Bob Broson of DNR regarding the Nature Preserve. He noted Dave and Nancy

Luginbill had inquired if the City was interested in some excess property they own. This land would continue on past Piqua Road and could go toward Belmont Middle School and could provide a walking trail around the pond. Gilbert noted there were a lot of little connections that could connect with needs at North Adams Schools, the City and the 13th Street Feasibility Study. By consensus, Gilbert was given permission to talk to DNR to acquire the railroad properties, and to pursue the various areas for possible trail use.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert noted that three (3) years ago the Department had purchased a pick-up truck for him to use, but with an additional person hired, the truck was given to him. Gilbert has been using a used truck which has many issues. He noted money has been included in the 2019 budget. He shared he had three (3) quotes with the low quote for a Chevy at \$27,623.00. The vehicle is a ½ ton pick-up with 4-wheel drive. It was shared Kelley has purchased several trucks with a different body style. Karbach made a motion to approve the low quote from Kelley for a ½ ton pick-up with 4-wheel drive. Seconded by Meyer, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 7:29 P.M.