

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
November 7, 2017

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Bill Karbach, Councilman 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 October 17, 2017 meeting, and also the minutes for Board of Works Executive Session, which was held on November 2, 2017. There were no corrections. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michael Hendricks from American Structurepoint and Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent gave an update regarding the clarifier project, which is estimated at \$1.1 million dollar project. The 30% design option has been completed. They will now request for qualifications from providers of a "Guaranteed Savings Contract" to complete the Contract. Financing for the project will come from operating funds and perhaps some short term financing. Current plans do not include any bonding. It was shared that the tentative date for completion is October 31, 2018. A motion to approve the specifications for advertising and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract was made by Karbach, seconded by Coshow, and adopted.

Bill Slike of AECOM appeared before the Board with an update of the sewer project. He shared the final quantities report with a reduction of \$143,725.21 and that the net of the change orders was \$61,118.22. The total cost of the project was \$2,774,578.12. Change order #13 was approved upon a motion by Coshow and seconded by Karbach, motion carried. Pay application #14, the final quantities pay application was presented at \$43,626.70. Karbach made a motion to approve pay application #14 to Fleming Excavating for \$43,626.70. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed. Pay application #15, release of retainage for \$46,653.03 was presented. A motion to approve pay application #15 of \$46,653.03 was made by Karbach, seconded by Coshow, and adopted. Slike commented that monitoring was completed in September and now the calibration with software is being followed with results looking good.

Mayor Meyer announced an ordinance would be introduced at the City Council meeting regarding how to handle pass due utility bills in the future. He shared utility bills that have been delinquent for over five (5) years totaled \$25,334.90. A motion was made by Karbach, and seconded by Coshow to write off the amount of \$25,334.90 for years 2011-12. The motion was adopted.

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

Tabled from the previous meeting, Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager presented to the Board members again the Riverside Center Rental Agreement Policy regarding the use of alcohol at various events. With a few questions still considered a motion to table any action until the November 22, 2017 meeting was made by Coshow. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed.

The holiday schedule for 2018 is as follows: Monday, January 1, 2018, New Years Day; Monday, February 19, 2018, Presidents Day; Friday, March 30, 2018, Good Friday; Monday, May 28, 2018, Memorial Day; Wednesday, July 4, 2018, Independence Day; Monday,

September 3, 2018, Labor Day; Monday, October 8, 2018, Columbus Day; Monday, November 12, Veterans' Day; Thursday, November 22, 2018, Thanksgiving Day; Friday, November 23, 2018, Day after Thanksgiving; Monday, December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve; Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day; and Monday, December 31, 2018, New Year's Eve. A motion to accept the above dates and make them a matter of record was made by Karbach, seconded by Coshow, and adopted.

City Attorney, Tim Baker shared Edward A. Gage has filed an appeal in the Adams Circuit Court regarding the Board of Works decision for his request for disannexation of his property. The Clerk-Treasurer received a letter from the City's insurance company, Employers Mutual Casualty Company's (EMC) explaining insurance coverage for the claims asserted in the lawsuit. Robert Keen Jr. with the law firm of Barrett & McNagny will represent the City. The City's deductible will be \$5,000. A motion to make the letter a matter of record was made by Karbach, seconded by Coshow, and adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright presented the two contracts for the farm leases with Workinger Farms, Inc. and Fruechte Farms, Inc for signatures of the Board members. The bids had been opened and accepted at the October 17, 2017 meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety. Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert noted that the acreage for the farm lease on 600 N needed to be amended due to the City using approximately 1.25 acres for the water utility project. The contract will be amended accordingly.

It was shared that the first flood buyout on Meadow Lane is closing next week. Due to Mayor Meyer being out of town, a motion was made by Coshow to allow Clerk-Treasurer Whitright to attend the closing and act on the Mayor's behalf. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

A contract with Patronicity spelling out the requirements that must be followed to collect the \$50,000 as matching funds for \$50,000 collected from residents for the Madison Street Plaza project was presented. Karbach made a motion to approve the contract. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

For informational purposes only, Don Bergdall, Infrastructure Manager, brought up the topic of "fringe areas." It was brought to light recently when someone purchased the Nidlinger Farm next to the Industrial Park III and a variance was denied by the County to have animals. It was noted Berne has had fringe area authority for several years. City representatives will meet with the County Officials to get their views of the City adopting a fringe area ordinance.

The dedication of a sewer line originally paid for and constructed by Brett Arnold over a year ago near the previous Grey Goose area was considered. It was shared the city normally accepts the improvements and takes over after a year. A motion to approve the dedication of the sewer line and give Mayor Meyer the authority to sign the appropriate paper work was made by Coshow, seconded by Karbach, and adopted.

Regarding the request of the North Adams Community Schools to lengthen the school speed zone area along East Monroe Street Extended and Piqua Road, it was shared that the current area cannot be expanded without a speed study. However, the area currently is not in the designated speed zone could be lowered by five (5) miles per hour without a study. No action was taken.

Indiana Michigan Power Company recently purchased .926 acres of land from the city for a supplement easement and right of way, located 2 blocks between Washington and Dayton

Street on the west side of US Highway 27 between Hanna Nuttman and Park Place Plaza in the amount of \$2,705.00. Karbach made a motion to make the recorded easement and right of way a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed.

It was shared that Joel Jackson had been sworn in as a Decatur Police Officer last week. He had previously served in the Sheriff's Department and the Berne Police Department. A motion to make his Certificate of Appointment a matter of record was made by Karbach. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Also presented was the Conditional Employment Contract with Joel Jackson. Coshow made a motion to make the contract a matter of record. Kabach seconded. Motion carried.

The appointment of a Detective to replace Detective Lenny Corral as he becomes Chief of Police was next on the agenda. It was shared that the Board had interviewed four (4) candidates for the Detective position. Mayor Meyer made a motion to appoint Brad Stoltz as the next Detective. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. Karbach shared that all four (4) candidates were very good and capable and could handle the position. However, the Board is responsible to select the best. He noted all candidates were at various phases of their work. Detective Corral stated he would call Officer Stoltz of the decision and Asst. Chief Mahan would call the other three (3) to let them know of the decision.

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

Adjournment was at 7:17 P.M.