

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
December 6, 2016

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Cam Collier, Bill Karbach, and Mayor Ken Meyer. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from the November 15, 2016 meeting. There were no corrections. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Collier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Collier to make the advertisement for bids for a grass truck for the Fire Department a matter of record. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed.

One bid for the grass truck was received and opened. The bid from First Attack Inc., Waterloo, Indiana for \$106,144.00 was submitted on bid form 96, was properly signed and also included a bid bond in the amount of 10% of the bid. A motion that the bid be considered by Chief Marckel and Assistant Chief Hitchcock until later in the meeting was made by Karbach and seconded by Collier. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Marckel informed the Board that he had monies approved in his budget for the remodeling of the bathroom and dorm area at the fire station. According to the purchasing ordinance, two quotes are required with Board of Works approval. The quotes submitted were from Kampman's Renovation and Mr. Planners. The Fire Chief was directed to come back later in the meeting after reviewing the bid on the grass truck and discuss the quotes for the remodeling.

Frank Lopez, who drives over dimensional loads appeared before the board as he had been asked by the Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Karbach to move his trailer off the street. He willingly complied but questioned the ordinance as it did not have a specific number for oversized vehicles. After discussion it was noted the ordinance had been revised in 2010 and that the ordinance did not list specifics as did the state regulations. It was noted the list of items was inclusive of various vehicles and trailers that would cause a safety issue.

Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Karbach distributed a list of eight (8) dilapidated buildings that are considered unsafe or are in need of repair. He noted that rather than just sending a letter he will also include a notice to abate, and a picture showing the dilapidated building. Collier made a motion to allow Mr. Karbach to notify the property owner as requested. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilmen Craig Coshow, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp and Wylie Sirk joined the Board of Public Works and Safety for the remainder of the meeting.

Roger Gage, Building and Zoning Supt., and Ken Dunn from Mobilitie spoke before the board regarding the placement of possibly 4 towers throughout the city. Having met earlier, they had agreed on 2 possible sites for the 75 foot metal poles. During discussion Collier asked if current poles could be used such as light poles. It was noted if they used shorter poles such as the 35 foot light poles, there would be a need for more sites. Wanting to do more studying and investigating of the proposal by Mobilitie, Collier made a motion to table the issue until the next meeting. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was passed.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Superintendent, appeared before the Board regarding one of the three pumps that has been repaired 3 times since 2013 at a cost of approximately \$19,000 while the other 2 pumps purchased at the same time had needed no repairs. Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. had submitted a quote to repair the pump for \$12,276.60 with a one year warranty, and a quote of \$27,000 plus freight for a new Flygt pump with a 5 year warranty. Butcher mentioned that she checked with the Utilities Director, Dan Rickord and there is money available in the Sewage Operating fund to purchase a new pump. Collier made a motion to purchase the new pump. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed.

An Interlocal Agreement with the Adams County Commissioners, the Adams County Council, and the Adams County Soil and Water Conservation District had been agreed upon in order to share costs which would provide Stormwater Management Services for the City, with the needed assistance of Timothy Graf who is employed for the Soil and Water Conservation District. Since there hasn't been anyone available to the Stormwater Department since the departure of Nate Rumschlag, the city offered the county \$20 per hour for 10 hours of service each week totaling \$10,400 a year to be paid quarterly. This agreement requires the support of two executive bodies--The Board of Public Works and Safety, and the Decatur Common Council. A motion was made by Collier to introduce Resolution No. 2016-17 by short title only. City Attorney Tim Baker read the resolution by short title only. A motion was then made by Collier to adopt Resolution No. 2016-17. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright shared that the Board needed to renew the contract fees assessed to the townships for fire protection. She noted the township trustees had been notified of the amounts in July. The fees for each township is as follows: Union, \$7,425.44; Washington, \$12,230.13; Root, \$16,161.25; and St. Mary's \$7,862.23. Collier made a motion to accept the contracts as submitted. Karbach seconded. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will mail the contracts to the Township Trustees to be signed and approved by their boards.

Fire Chief Marckel and Assistant Chief Hitchcock appeared before the Board after studying the bid opened for the grass truck. They noted one part regarding the chassis had been omitted from the bid, which would create an additional cost. Based on it being an emergency, receiving only one bid, and having had it bid twice, a motion was made by Collier to waive any irregularity in the bid and approve the bid. Seconded by Karbach, the motion passed.

Chief Marckel explained the quotes submitted for the remodeling at the fire station. The quote from Mr. Planners was for materials for the bathroom only, and the cost would be for time and material. The quote from Kampman's was for the total project; dorm room and bathroom, labor and material. A motion was made by Karbach to approve the project of remodeling the

dorm room and bathroom at the fire station to Kampman's for the quoted amount of \$11,660. The motion was seconded by Collier and passed.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert, appeared before the Board regarding the 1991 Dodge Ram truck. This truck is used by the Parks & Recreation Dept. to collect trash, and is no longer safe to operate, and has very little value. Collier made a motion to dispose of the truck. Seconded by Karbach. Motion passed.

Gilbert also noted he and Mayor Meyer had met with the group regarding the 5 points enhancement project. The project could be started in 2021 and finished in 2022. However, the federal funding is somewhat in limbo now as there are plans for the state legislature to buy out these projects, and will not be known until April 2017. If bought out, INDOT would no longer be involved and only construction money would be awarded.

Police Chief Greg Cook appeared before the Board and shared that there is no ordinance to enforce regarding the barricades at the church schools--St. Joe Catholic and Zion Lutheran--if someone goes around the barricades. These barricades are placed for the safety of the children as they cross the streets to get to their playgrounds. The Police Chief was directed to meet with the City Code Enforcement Officer, Bill Karbach to review the City Code on this situation.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Karbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Collier, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 7:30 P.M.