

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
May 15, 2018

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Councilman Craig Coshow, Bill Karbach, 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 May 1, 2018 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jim Hitchcock, Assistant Fire Chief appeared before the board to share four (4) volunteers had passed the agility tests and were eligible to become volunteer firemen. Coshow made a motion to approve Arlo Geels, Trevor Gray, James Sheets, and Blake Adams as volunteers for the Decatur Fire Department. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

The City Attorney shared he had received a draft of the lease agreements for the artist lofts common area, and the parking lot from Mike Blee of Biggs, Inc. Baker shared he had some questions regarding the 35 year lease. Areas of concern include such items as the rental fee, possible real estate taxes, and costs of such things as insurance, electricity, and maintenance. Although this is a working draft, the desire is to close on June 1, 2018 and there are too many questions yet to be answered. The plan is to meet with Mr. Blee as soon as possible.

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.

Mayor Meyer shared that the Northeast Regional Partnership group had been talking of hiring a lobbyist to work on behalf of the region. Each municipality in the Regional area had been sent a bill for \$1,500.00 per year. Meyer shared that the County Council decided they would not pay the \$1,500 this year, but they wanted to contribute to the group next year. Mayor Meyer noted the Mayors are meeting tomorrow and he simply wanted input before that meeting. Council members seemed to be in agreement with the objective of hiring a lobbyist, but not this year as the funds have not been included in this year's budget. The Mayor will see what other municipalities are contributing.

Melissa Norby, Community Development Director, and Tony Murray, Chairperson of the Design Committee for Main Street appeared before the Board to share the results of the Façade Program for 2018. It was shared that the other members of the committee were Sandy Collier, Max Miller, and Alex Mendez. There had been twelve (12) applications requesting funding and four (4) projects were being recommended for a total of \$50,000 budgeted for 2018. The winning applicants were kept secret until all applicants can be notified. The twelve applicants were ACE 40.8, Vinnie's, E.F. Gass, The Home Place, Marko's, Small Town Bar and Grill, Prestige, The Oak Room, Mr. Planners, Mainstreet Monuments, Second Street Lofts, and Two Brothers. Coshow made a motion to approve the four applicants recommended by the Design Committee of Main Street. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared that the water main work continues on Washington Street as Fleming Excavating, Inc. has been boring under the railroad tracks and would return Friday to finish the job. This week they extended 40 feet of water main on the east side and plans are to start the milling next Wednesday. Plans are to finish with the pressure testing as a result of the boring on Friday and Monday. Milling and paving will be done on

Washington Street from the railroad to US 27. It is hoped that the project will be completed by Memorial Day.

Gilbert shared that INDOT was doing the ADA ramps since guidelines had changed and the ramps have to be updated to code standards, which seems to change every two (2) years. The ADA ramps are now fiberglass instead of brick, these should be completed early next week. Plans are to complete some water main work under Second Street to provide for new water taps, and the Public Works employees will do the work in the evening since there is less traffic at that time. Taps into buildings on the east side of the street will then be possible. Gilbert also noted sidewalk work is continuing on First Street.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager shared the 2003 Street Sweeper was in need of being replaced. He noted the manufacturers suggest ten (10) years to be the life for this equipment. He noted the price is likely to go up \$20-25,000 next year because of the steel tariffs. If a vehicle is purchased this year the emission standards would be at the tier 3 level yet instead of the 4 tier level next year. He recommended using the State bid rather than having to put specs out for bid. Coshow made a motion to approve Gilbert's recommendation subject to Council approval. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

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 7:12 P.M.