

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
June 19, 2018

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, June, 19, 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 June 5, 2018 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Having opened bids for the Country Brook East Lift Station at the June 5, 2018 meeting, Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, had taken the only bid which was received from Fleming Excavating, Inc. under advisement. Gilbert was unable to attend the meeting, but had emailed Mayor Meyer that Darrin Good of Miller Land Survey who's the Engineer for the project had reviewed the bid, and recommended acceptance of the Fleming Excavating bid of \$166,512.26. Coshow made a motion to accept the Fleming Excavating bid of \$166,512.26. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Meyer shared he would like to get two (2) appraisals for the former Decatur Casting site as some interest has been shown in the location and the average of two (2) appraisals would be needed to determine the selling price. A Public Hearing before both the Board of Public Works and Safety and the City Council would be required for discussion regarding the receiving of the appraisals. Coshow made a motion to hold Public Hearings on July 3, 2018 in order to discuss the obtaining of two (2) appraisals for the former Decatur Casting site. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief, Lennie Corral appeared before the Board to seek approval to hire an officer to replace the new officer, Seth Colwell, who recently resigned. He shared he and Deputy Chief, Mahan had looked at the applicants previously interviewed and possible laterals. One of the individuals with experience and who has been through the academy has shown interest. Chief Corral asked permission to proceed with the lateral and shared the next step would be for the individual to take a physical exam to be qualified by PERF. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the lateral and Karbach seconded the motion. 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.

For informational purposes only, representatives from First Merchant Bank, Justin Woodward, Dean Fuelling, and Jenny Buchan made a presentation sharing their interest in getting the City's business. They noted there have been several general changes in banking the last couple of years. They noted that the City would need to complete an RFP which includes the following: the number of City accounts, the number of transactions made, and the services needed. They noted they knew three (3) sealed bids would be needed for the City to make any changes and they would like to have the opportunity to bid. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council members that she had taken bids from First Merchants Bank, Bank of Geneva and First Bank of Berne two years ago, but not through the RFP process. No action was considered at this point.

The next item was on health insurance with PHP Insurance, which would be acted on during the Council meeting. Dan Kintz, Kintz Insurance presented the renewal cost for the

City's health insurance for City employees. It was shared the premium increase for 2018/19 is 5%. Kintz shared the rate increases have totaled 15% over the last five (5) years with 5% increases in 2014/15 and 2015/16, 0% increases in 2016/17 and 2017/18, and now 5% for 2018/19. He noted these were low, especially with escalating costs due to the Affordable Care costs. Various combinations of City and Employee cost sharing were presented and discussed noting the benefits would remain the same. Mayor Meyer shared the total premium cost with the increase would be \$1,043,640.12. The inclination is to have the City pay the larger portion of the increase with the employee paying a smaller portion. Action will be taken during the Council Meeting.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor shared the final contract with Kokosing for the Secondary Clarifiers Rehabilitation Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for phosphorus removal and concrete rehabilitation construction contract (Guaranteed Savings Contract) has been reviewed by the City Attorney and is ready for approval. Karbach made a motion to accept the Kokosing contract. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. The contractors fixed fee is \$95,041.00, construction contingency \$42,000.00, construction cost \$1,014,012.00 with the guaranteed maximum price not to exceed \$1,151,053.00. This project will be paid from the Sewage Operating fund.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright shared that when the Adams Memorial Hospital had refinanced their bonds, \$113,700 had been returned to the City in 2017. This amount may be received again in 2018. The \$113,700 has been receipted into the CEDIT fund.

Bill Karbach, Code Enforcement Officer shared he would like to see no parking signs placed on the east side of Ninth Street from Monroe Street to Nuttman Avenue. He shared he had talked to Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager about such action. The question was brought up concerning whether the east side is preferred over the west side. Consideration of this issue will be on the agenda for the July 3, 2018 meeting.

Also discussed was whether or not to have Adams Street between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street become a two-way street. The Mayor will check with American Structurepoint to see if this change would cause any issues for the Five Points Enhancement Project.

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

Adjournment was at 6:55 P.M.