

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board Members Bill Karbach and Ken Meyer. City Attorney, Tim Baker was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer mailed the minutes from the January 22nd meeting. With no additions or corrections offered, Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed, seconded by Karbach. Motion carried.

Jeff Ponist of Commonwealth Engineers was present with Wastewater Supt., Anne Butcher to discuss setting a wage scale for the Sewer Separation and Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. City Attorney, Tim Baker announced the Construction Wage Hearing is on February 12th. Council members will appointment two (2) members to the Common Wage Committee at the council meeting.

The mayor read a letter from Deputy Police Chief, Jeff McIntosh announcing his retirement from the Decatur Police Department. McIntosh's last work day will be Friday, February 8, 2008. Meyer made a motion to make the letter a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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The City Attorney discussed a meeting that was held with Mr. and Mrs. Gale Nidlinger on January 31st. The Nidlinger's are requesting to buy back from the City, the grassed area of approximately .5 acres on 450 North, which the Nidlinger's sold to the City. The City Attorney prepared a letter in response to the request to the Nidlinger's, stating the City is too far along in its plans to sell off this parcel. However, the City will agree to avoid disturbing this area during construction of Industrial Park Phase III. Meyer made a motion to make the letter a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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In reference to Jeanie Sirk's letter from the last Board of Works meeting, the mayor reported new curbs and catch basins will be installed on Piqua Road and Water's Edge to alleviate the water problems. Mayor Schultz will meet with the mayor of Bluffton and Portland to see how recycling is handled in their cities. Councilman Bill Crone received information from Jay County who has 50% participation in curbside recycling. Crone suggested conducting a survey in the utility bills or notification in the newspaper.

The mayor reported he has contacted Kent A. Wittwer, LLC and also the Strahm Group to look at the city facilities for improvements.

The mayor informed the Board of Works members that Jim Selking of Selking International approached the city to purchase a demo truck for the sanitation department in 2008, with payment to be made in 2009 with no interest. The Street Commissioner has already purchased a new box for the truck, which cost approximately \$41,000.00. The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright

contacted State Board of Accounts and they were ok with the city purchasing the truck in this manner, as long as three (3) quotes are received, and the bidders are quoting for the same terms. Mr. Selking will be at the February 19th council meeting to explain the process. By consensus, the Board of Works members approved to proceed and solicit three (3) quotes.

City Attorney, Tim Baker prepared an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement effective February 12, 2008 between Adams County and the City of Decatur for demolition of the Decatur Casting site located at 822 Dayton Street. The County and the City entered into negotiations regarding sharing costs of demolition, and sharing of proceeds of the sale of the cell tower located on the Casting site. Also, the County and City agreed to expend funds and provide in-kind services for Phase II Assessment Grant of \$58,000.00. The cost of demolition is \$106,000.00, with the County share at \$36,000.00 and the City share at \$70,000.00. The County will complete the sale of the cell tower for \$90,000.00. The County to receive the first annual payment of \$30,000.00 to be paid in 2008, the City to receive the remaining payments of \$30,000.00 in 2009 and 2010. Karbach made a motion to approve the agreement. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney will present the agreement to the City Council for approval of the expenditures, and then to the County Council on February 12th for approval.

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The City Attorney reported he has updated the letter the parking control officer has been sending to parking violators. Also discussed was offering monthly parking passes for the city parking lot located on 3rd Street.

The City Attorney requested permission to draft a letter to the Oakwood Association for delinquent sewer bills. By consensus, the City Attorney was granted permission.

Board member, Ken Meyer inquired having a 4-way stop at Jackson Street and 1st Street, due to several accidents at that intersection. The mayor will contact the Police Chief for a traffic study.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.