

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board members Bill Karbach and Ken Meyer. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from February 2nd, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for advertisement for bids for Street materials, equipment and labor a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Before opening the bids, the City Attorney, Tim Baker mentioned he works with Attorney, Scott Ainsworth who represents Fleming Excavating in case there is any conflict of interest. The City Attorney opened and read the bids aloud for Street materials, equipment and labor. Only one (1) bid was received for asphalt and street material, which was from Meshberger Brothers Stone Corp & LICA Construction Corp. There were three (3) bids for equipment, LICA Construction Corp., Fleming Excavating, Inc., and Everett Drainage & Excavating, Inc. All bids included Bid Form 96 with the non-collusion affidavit executed, and a bid bond. Meyer made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the next Board of Works meeting on March 2nd. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received two (2) invoices from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. for engineering services for the month of December 2009 for the Wastewater Improvements Project totaling \$2,055.00. Meyer made a motion to approve the invoices, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward the invoices to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for payment.

Council members, Charlie Cook, Bill Crone, Matt Dyer, and Barb Engle attended the Board of Works meeting.

Comp. time was discussed. By consensus, the mayor will explain comp. time and how it should be handled, and recorded on time cards at the next Department Head meeting on March 2nd.

Mayor reported he has received calls from business owners with concerns with the downtown parking. Board member, Ken Meyer explained how Columbus, Indiana handles their parking. Councilman Dyer read a letter from the Decatur Small Business Association with suggestions on how to handle downtown parking. The City Attorney drafted an ordinance to address the downtown parking, which will be discussed further at the council meeting.

City resident, Larry Harkless and his wife were present and questioned why the utility bill has increased. Board member, Ken Meyer explained the trash fees have increased from \$4 to \$12 a month to cover the city's cost to provide this service. The Mayor also explained the State has changed the funding for property tax, so the fire hydrants fees that were collected through property tax are now being collected from user fees on the utility bill. The other increase was for the general operation of the water utility department. The Mayor handed Mr. Harkless his business card, should he want more thorough explanation for the increases.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.