

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 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 3rd. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made a motion to make the legal notice for bids for Street Materials, Equipment and Labor, which was published two (2) times on January 30th and February 6th a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney opened and read aloud the bids received for street materials, equipment and labor. There were four (4) bids: Darling Construction, D.Luginbill Excavating, Everett Drainage & Excavating, Inc. and Meshberger Brothers Stone Corp & LICA Construction Corp. Two (2) of the bids, Darling Construction and D. Luginbill Excavating did not include the proper paperwork required. The Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert commented he misinformed the bidders who didn't include the State Board of Accounts Form 96, since he didn't think the bidders had completed the form last year. The City Attorney will check on the proper requirements for these bids. Meyer made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the Street Commissioner to review, and report back to the next Board of Works meeting with his recommendation. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made a motion to sign and approve the agreement for posting of sign at Fleetwood Plant #91 located at 1010 Commerce Drive which enforces the parking lot be controlled by City Ordinance No. 1988-21. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Lahmon who represents the steering committee for downtown revitalization was present to discuss the request for qualifications that were received at the previous Board of Works meeting. The steering committee's recommendation is to reject all requests for qualifications until a comprehensive plan has been completed for Decatur. The committee would like to first apply for a grant for a comprehensive plan through NIRCC. Karbach made a motion to approve the recommendation from the steering committee to reject all request for qualifications and apply for the comprehensive planning grant. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor welcomed the only Decatur resident present for the meeting, R. "Skippy" Gard who just moved back to Decatur.

With the council members present, the Mayor discussed the email he received from Charlie and Jean Brune who requested advice from city officials on opposing the North Adams Community School changes. The Mayor commented the only control the city has is appointing two (2) of the school board members. A discussion on whether or not to have an elected school board was brought up, with the City

Attorney explaining the statutory process. The City Attorney will provide more information to the board members and council members on elected school boards.

Kelly Ehinger of the Adams Public Library System handed out information showing the effects of having the library district countywide. Ehinger explained the advantages of a countywide library district, and encouraged the Mayor, Board of Works members and the Council members to talk with the Adams County Commissioners to make this change. Ehinger noted if the library district is countywide the tax rate for Decatur would decrease from .1260 to .0630, which is a benefit to the taxpayers. To affect the 2010 budget the district must be expanded before March 1, 2009. To affect the 2011 budget, the deadline is March 1, 2010. The Mayor informed Ehinger he will contact the Adams County Commissioners to get their feedback.

There being no further business, Karbach made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.