

CITY OF DECATUR  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, March 2, 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 16th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice of sale for two (2) police vehicles a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker opened and read the bids aloud for the 1997 Pontiac Van Transport and the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor. The bids received were:

1997 Pontiac Van: Gary L. Meyer \$1,010.00, Kevin Miller \$501.00, Manual Lopez \$1,500.00,  
R&M Landscaping \$655.00, Asia Motors, Inc. \$739.00, Chicago Motors, Inc. \$707.00

2007 Ford Crown Victoria: Gary L. Meyer \$2,010.00, Asia Motors, Inc. \$5,739.00,  
Avenue Auto Sales, Inc. \$6,157.00, Chicago Motors, Inc. \$6,107.00

By consensus, the Board members accepted the highest bid for both vehicles, and instructed the Police Chief, Ken Ketzler to review the bids, and to contact the bidders.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert had reviewed the bids received from February 16<sup>th</sup> Board of Works meeting for Street materials, equipment and labor. Gilbert recommended accepting the bids received, so Meyer made a motion to accept the bids as submitted from Meshberger Brothers Stone Corp. & LICA Construction Corp. for asphalt and street material, and equipment bids from LICA Construction Corp., Fleming Excavating, Inc., and Everett Drainage & Excavating, Inc. for the year 2010. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker mentioned Gale Nidlinger is requesting from the city to complete a tax exempt interest form, which would allow Nidlinger from paying income tax on the property he sold to the City from 2003 to 2009. Mr. Nidlinger's attorney informed him the lease to the City could be treated as a bond. The City Attorney stated the city had other bonds issued at the same time Nidlinger's property was purchased, and the interest on those bonds is less than the interest paid to Nidlinger's. Karbach made a motion to deny the request from Nidlinger since it should have taken place at the time the contract was entered into. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief, Les Marckel handed out a proposal to replace Tanker 122, which is in need of several repairs. Marckel reported Aboite Township Fire Department in Allen County is in the process of accepting

bids on a new tanker, which will make available for purchase a 1982 L 9000 Ford Louisville Tanker. March 9<sup>th</sup> is when Aboite Township Fire Department will be opening bids, which will include a trade in value for the 1982 tanker. This dollar amount will set an asking price for sealed bids. The Aboite Fire Chief informed Marckel he is estimating \$18,000 to \$22,000. Marckel requested whether or not the city would be interested in bidding. By consensus, Marckel was given permission to proceed and report back with the results of the trade in values.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert and Storm Water Manager, Joan Eichhorn presented a map prepared by Miller Land Surveying to explain the proposed storm water project in Anthony Wayne Meadows. This proposed project has been discussed with Dan Buchan, who owns the open field where the storm water will run. Gilbert is estimating Phase I not to exceed \$100,000.00 if the project is done with the city's workforce. The City Attorney mentioned in order to use the city's workforce for labor; bids may need to be taken depending on the dollar amount of the project. The City Attorney will research this amount. The Mayor was informed by NIRCC the City would not qualify for federal assistance for this project, since the median income in this addition exceeds the amount allowed for any federal grants. Karbach made a motion for the City Attorney to prepare a contract with Dan Buchan, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney announced the farm ground on US Highway 224 West that was discussed at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Works meeting is up for auction. Council will need to adopt a resolution stating they are interested in bidding on the property at the next meeting. Two (2) appraisals will need to be done, and the maximum amount to bid is the average of the two appraisals. Council members were instructed to contact the Mayor if interested in bidding.

The City Attorney emailed council members two other options to the parking ordinance previously handed out at the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Board of Works meeting. Option 2 expands additional streets that prohibit all day parking. The additional streets include North side of Madison Street, the South side of Court Street, and the West side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Option 3 designates 40 parking spaces where all day parking is permitted. Parking in these spaces without a valid permit would result in a citation and towing of the vehicle. Downtown business owner, Dan Butcher was present to request if the city has permit parking, he would like a designated place to park if he has to pay for the parking. Parking Control Officer, Beth Heimann prepared a study as requested by Council member, Ken Meyer to show the number of parking spaces available (245), and the number of spaces that are occupied at different days and different times. The study showed the most parking spaces occupied were 134. Heimann also received pricing on parking permits. The cost is .69 cents each for 100, plus \$69 for shipping and handling charges. Heimann was directed to also obtain a price from Complete Printing. Another business owner, Rick Sovine also expressed his concerns with the downtown parking. Sovine agreed parking needs to be controlled, suggested the city write letters to downtown employers where they should park. The Mayor encouraged both business owners to attend the Council meeting to continue further discussion on the parking issues.

The City Attorney reported new regulation from IDEM for ground water supply will take effect in 2011, and new state rules requiring Police Departments to purchase statement and video equipment to admit into evidence.

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

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Phyllis J. Whitright, Clerk-Treasurer