

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2011

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Ken Meyer. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Board member, Bill Karbach was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from March 1st, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Judge Patrick Miller, Sheriff Shane Rekeweg were present to discuss the Superior Court Renovation Project along with Architects, Cory Miller, Brent Johnson, and Dave Sholl from Schenkel & Shultz. Also present was Engineer, Tim Ehlerding from Michael Kinder & Sons. Miller showed preliminary drawings of constructing a new building to be located on either 3rd Street or Madison Street, or renovating the current Superior Court building. Ehlerding gave preliminary cost for the project. Council members are to decide whether or not they would want to cost share in this project and include City Hall and the Police Department. The Mayor asked Council to think about if the City wants to be included in this project and be open to discussion at the April 5th meeting.

Matt Vondran, Grant Administrator from NIRCC, and Stephanie Mumaw and Chris Chockley from Wightman Petrie were present. Mumaw handed out information on estimated cost for demolition, environmental abatement and site restoration for the City's former street department building on 3rd Street. Vondran discussed a tentative timeline for a potential Community Focus Fund (CFF) Clearance Grant. Estimated cost is 83% or \$456,850 funded through a CFF grant, and 17% or \$96,748 is the city's local match. Vondran explained in order to apply for this grant, City Council members would need to pass a resolution stating the building is blighted. An engineering study costing \$6,000 would need to be done prior to September 2011 with the grant application. Council members will make a decision to proceed with this project at the April 5th meeting.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. and Park Board member, Larry Isch gave an update on the Parks Master Plan, which is currently in process, and is being done by Wightman Petrie. It was discussed to purchase a Geographical Informational System (GIS) to inventory the Parks, which would include a handheld device costing approximately \$2,500, and the software between \$15-20,000. Krull was directed to contact the County IT personnel to see if this is feasible and report back at the next Board of Works meeting.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert explained a new law, which took effect January 2011 that electronics can no longer be placed in landfills. With heavy trash collection the week of April 4th – April 8th, Gilbert questioned whether or not the Sanitation Department should collect E-Waste items. This could be a substantial cost to the City for collecting these items. By consensus, the Street Commissioner was directed not to collect E-Waste items. The public can dispose of these items at the Adams County Solid Waste District. Gilbert also questioned whether or not to continue collecting tires, due to the increase in disposal fees. The Mayor directed Gilbert to continue collecting tires for disposal.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep received Amendment No. 1, an Agreement between the City of Decatur and Wessler Engineering, Inc. for Wellhead Protection Implementation and Preparing the Annual Consumer Confidence Report. The Amendment is to provide Professional Services to the City with the Phase II WHP plan update and implementation services for the next 5-year period 2011 through 2015. Meyer made a motion to authorize the Water Supt. Jim Inskeep to sign the Amendment, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

By consensus, the Board of Works members changed the time of the April 5th Board of Works meeting to begin at 5:15 p.m. to review the bids received from consulting firms for the INDOT sign grant.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7.30 p.m.