

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, March 18, 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 March 4th meeting. With no additions or corrections offered, Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

Jeff Ponist and Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineers were present. Ponist announced the DNR permit was received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Ponist will have the advertisement for bids to the Clerk-Treasurer by early next week. It was discussed to have a Special Board of Works meeting to receive the bid opening, possibly the week of April 28th in the afternoon. No date was set at this time.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker presented the quitclaim deed from Bunge for land donation and temporary construction easements for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Karbach made a motion to make the quitclaim deed from Bunge North America to the City of Decatur a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Carter of Umbaugh & Associates was present to discuss the sewage rates increase for the Phase II of the Wastewater Utilities Improvements Project. An ordinance will be prepared for the May 6th council meeting, and the public hearing will take place on May 20th.

Karbach made a motion to accept all bids received for Street Material, Labor and Equipment for the year 2008. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bids accepted were D.L. Luginbill Excavating & Trucking, Everett Drainage & Excavating, Inc. Fleming Excavating, Inc., Meshberger Brothers Stone & LICA Construction, and Stone-Street Quarries, Inc. Bids are on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

The mayor announced Police Sergeant, Don Thomas will be retiring from the Decatur Police Department. Thomas's last working day will be March 21st. Thomas will take vacation and comp. days accumulated, making his retirement date June 7th. Karbach made a motion to appoint Chris Brite as Police Sergeant, replacing Don Thomas. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to Fire Chief, Les Marckel unable to attend the meeting, the Fire Chief will give a report on the 1996 Suburban Truck, and the 1954 Fire Truck at the Board of Works meeting on April 1st.

Meyer made a motion to approve a donation to Blackford County Community Foundation in memory of Senator David Ford for \$30.00. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A City resident approached the mayor to have a city flag. This was tabled to the next meeting on April 1st.

The City Attorney drafted a purchasing ordinance for the Board Members to review and then to discuss amendments at the April 1st Board of Works meeting.

Curbside recycling was discussed, it was suggested to possibly place a survey in the utility bills to see how many city residents would want this service. No decision was made at this time.

A brief discussion on parking downtown was discussed; no decisions were made at this time.

Karbach made a motion to give Mayor Schultz permission to hire a grant writer, Robert Murphy for a Downtown Revitalization Grant. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.