

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board members Ken Meyer and Bill Karbach. 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 March 17th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for street equipment rental and labor a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney opened and read the bids aloud for street equipment rental and labor for the year 2009. There were five (5) bids received, all bids included bid form 96 prescribed by Indiana State Board of Accounts, with the non-collusion affidavit executed. Also included with the bid was either a certified check or bid bond. The bids received were from: D. Luginbill Excavating & Trucking, Meshberger Bros. Stone and LICA Construction Corp., Everett Drainage & Excavating, Inc., Darling Construction, and Fleming Excavating, Inc. Bids are on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Karbach made a motion for the Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert to review the bids and make his recommendation at the next Board of Works meeting. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Ponist from Commonwealth Engineering, Inc. updated the board members on the Wastewater Projects. Ponist submitted Payment #9 from Thieneman Construction, Inc. for \$157,698.55. Also submitted were two (2) invoices from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. for engineering services from March 1st to March 31st, totaling \$29,372.00. Karbach made a motion to approve payment #9 for Thieneman Construction and the two (2) invoices for Commonwealth Engineers. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will submit these invoices to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for payment.

Ponist submitted Change Order No. A-6 for Division A – Wastewater Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$13,582.13. Ponist explained the reasoning for the increases and deductions. These were the changes: Differing site due to interference with existing 24" clay tile, existing pipe in poor condition, revised electrical conduit in garage, removed unsuitable soil in pit area at primary clarifiers, revised exterior door frames, and revised exterior doors from clear to bronze, differing site due to interference with existing drain, air, electric and water lines, and workmanship credit on metal roof. Karbach made a motion to approve Change Order No. A-6 from Thieneman Construction. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

George Bernier from Anthem Insurance was present to discuss different health insurance plans to the Board of Works members and the Council members. All the members were given copies of the different plans prior to the meeting. Bernier explained the premium cost for renewal will not be known until May 15, 2009, but the average increase has been 12 ½%, but will be determined once the claims for the city are reviewed. Bernier suggested by making some minor adjustments to the drug prescription plan and/or the deductible can lower the premium cost. The City also could provide two (2) insurance plans.

Bernier also suggested that he and Roxanne Painter can meet with the employees to explain the plans and benefits. Bernier will notify the Clerk-Treasurer once he receives the new premium cost.

The Mayor suggested holding a Special Council meeting to discuss budgets, wages and benefits. It was agreed to meet on Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. The Clerk-Treasurer will post the meeting 48 hours prior to the meeting and notify the newspaper.

Wastewater Supt., Anne Butcher was present to inform the Board of Works members of large expenditures the Wastewater Department has made or will be making in the future. The purchases will be for light bulbs for the UV system which are aftermarket bulbs with 90 day warranty costing \$13,000, regular bulbs are approximately \$22,000.00. Other items were \$3,800 for a technician's flight and motel charges to troubleshoot issues with the sludge belt press. Butcher received quotes on parts ranging from \$1,100 to \$7,000 for the belt press. Butcher explained a growth on the cylinders were causing the belt press not to work properly, and causing the drain holes on the rollers to plug. Butcher will be purchasing 55 gallons of chemical costing \$6,000 to last 6 month to a year to counteract the growth. Butcher also explained the Wastewater Department will have to seal up a manhole which will cost \$2,500. By consensus, the Board members approved the expenditures, and thanked Butcher for the explanations.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel informed the Board of Works members he was notified by Department of Homeland Security that Adams County was awarded a grant for 800 MHz radios for the Fire Departments. The local match is \$50,545, which will be paid on a percentage between the City of Berne, Decatur, and Town of Monroe, Preble and Geneva. Marckel commented he and the EMA Director, John August will be requesting financial support from the Adams County Commissioners to also help with the local match. Marckel requested permission from the Board of Works members to proceed with the bidding process for the radio equipment. Meyer made a motion for Marckel to proceed with the bidding, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meyer thanked the Fire Chief for all his work in achieving the grant.

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.