

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, April 15, 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 April 1st meeting. With no additions or corrections offered, Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as mailed, seconded by Karbach. Motion carried.

The mayor announced May 7th will be the bid opening for Industrial Park Phase III Project. During construction of this project Karbach made a motion to pay the Eiting family lost of earnings for crop damage at \$90.00 per acre, totaling approximately \$360.00. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. informed the board members of the ongoing problems of high readings of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), and also high readings of Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), released to the City sewer from Driggs Dairy, which is causing the city to violate IDEM requirements. Butcher remarked Driggs has been referred to Enforcement by IDEM for various violations. Meyer made a motion for the Wastewater Supt. to write a letter to Driggs stating requirements they need to meet for the City as well. City Attorney, Tim Baker will review the letter. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

James Hitchcock, Asst. Fire Chief was appointed by the mayor, so a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement was presented for James Hitchcock of Hitchcock Concrete, Inc. to perform concrete work for city projects. Karbach made a motion to make the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward a copy of the Disclosure Statement to the State Board of Accounts and the Adams County Clerk.

Roger Gage, Plan/Bldg Supt. reported there has been a lack of participation in the sidewalk program in the last couple of years, due to street projects that included new sidewalks, such as, the CSO Project and the North 2nd Street Project. Gage suggested using the monies in the sidewalk fund to improve city owned sidewalks. Gage solicited three (3) quotes for sidewalk improvements at several locations: the new street garage on Elm Street, Maple Street east of the city swimming pool, 5th Street to Park Street, and Short Street to alley on west side of 5th Street. The quotes received were from Hitchcock Concrete Inc. for \$28,595.00, Joel Mishler & Mark Cook for \$29,839.00 and R.A. Construction for \$28,734.34. Karbach made a motion to approve the quote from Hitchcock Concrete, Inc. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gandy Dancer's lease with the city expires May 1, 2008. The lease renewal is for another two (2) years. The City Attorney requested reviewing the original lease dated May 4, 1998 before renewing the lease. Meyer made a motion to sign and approve the lease once the City Attorney reviews the original lease. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Linda Morris from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce will attend the next Board of Works meeting on May 6th to request having a beer tent downtown at the Annual Car Show this summer.

The mayor reported the Departments Heads have reviewed the Purchasing Ordinance and have made some recommendations. Mayor Schultz will present the ordinance with the amendments at the next meeting.

Board member, Bill Karbach reported he is still working with the merchants on parking downtown.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright handed out a copy of the 1782 Notice from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), approving the 2008 Budget. The Assessed Valuation is \$422 million; the AV is just \$5,700 more than 2007. The AV does not include any property tax appeals. The total tax rate for all funds is \$.77 per \$100 assessed valuation, an increase of \$.03. If council wants to make any changes to the budget, it must be done no later than April 21, 2008. The Clerk-Treasurer also reported County Auditor, Bill Borne informed her the property tax bills will not be mailed until June 13, 2008, and the spring tax distribution will be July 23, 2008.

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.