

CITY OF DECATUR  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES  
APRIL 19, 2011

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz, 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 April 5th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joel Christian was present to appeal his termination as a Decatur Volunteer Firefighter. Christian apologized for what caused his termination with the Parks & Recreation Department and his employment with the Decatur Volunteer Fire Department, but requested the Board of Works members reconsider his termination from the Fire Department. Christian understood the reason for being terminated from the Parks Department, but questioned the termination from the Fire Department. Fire Chief, Les Marckel was present, but had no comments. Board member, Bill Karbach informed Christian that the reason for the termination would affect both positions with the City. City Attorney, Tim Baker reminded Christian that the employment as a Volunteer Fire Department is also an "at-will" status position, which allows the Board of Works members the authority to terminate employment. Schultz made a motion to deny the request, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John August from Adams County Emergency Management Agency contacted the City to install a radio repeater antenna on the Water Tower located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Karbach made a motion to allow Water Supt., Jim Inskeep authority on behalf of the Board of Works members to give EMA permission to install the antenna when ready. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported Adams County Prosecutor is still investigating other parties involved in the incident at the Double Eagle Restaurant and suggested the Board of Works members table this issue until this case is resolved with the other parties.

Council members Matt Dyer and Barb Engle attended the Board of Works meeting.

Mayor Schultz reported if the City wants the other location on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Madison for the City/County building, the City would pay for the acquisition and demolition costs. The Mayor asked for permission to hire a firm, Creek Run from Montpelier, Indiana to see if underground storage tanks are on the property. The cost is approximately \$500-\$600. Karbach made a motion to approve hiring the firm. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor suggested other options for City Hall or the Police Station to maybe looking at other vacant buildings in the City. The Mayor will meet with Greg Fleming of Fleming Excavating to get an estimate to demolish a building on the corner of Monroe & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with a possibility to construct a new building to hold council meetings. This would allow using the upstairs at City Hall for more office space. Mayor will also meet with Corey Miller with suggestion on redesigning City Hall, possible moving the Building Department and the Water Supt. downstairs to be more convenient for customers. The City Attorney recommended an open house of City Hall so the public could look at City Hall. No decisions were made at this time.

Karbach made a motion to accept the proposal from Limberlost Construction to refurbish the doors and windows, totaling \$21,330.00 for the Train Depot on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and recommending to Council this project be paid from Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) fund. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The employment application for the City was updated. Meyer made a motion to approve the new application, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Building Supt., Roger Gage reviewed quotes to replace the concrete floor at the fire station. The lowest bid was from Hitchcock Concrete for \$14,725.50. Meyer made a motion to accept the quote from Hitchcock Concrete and recommend to Council this be paid from the Cumulative Capital Improvement (CCI) fund. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel received a proposal from Emergency Radio Services, Inc. (ERS) for updating the Fire Departments VHF Radio equipment to meet narrow band requirements. The quote is for \$5,971.45. The Board of Works members directed the Fire Chief to obtain another quote for the next meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Operation Cleanup, a project headed by Roger Gage, Building Supt., and Board of Works member, Bill Karbach and City Attorney, Tim Baker will be working together to enforce the City Code for nuisances pertaining to unlicensed and inoperable vehicles. Violators will be given a letter and have ten (10) days to take care of the violation. If no response is received police officers will tag the vehicle, which will give the owner 72 hours to respond. Other nuisances will include accumulated rubbish, and dangerous and dilapidated buildings. The City Attorney reported the nuisance ordinance currently does not address trailers, campers, bikes or other items not operational. The City Attorney prepared an ordinance to address these items for Council's approval at the Council meeting. Board member, Bill Karbach commented they will work in residential areas first and then businesses. Karbach added the City wants to work with the public, and get them involved in cleaning up the community.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert requested to perform annual crack seal preventative maintenance to streets. Gilbert received two (2) quotes, Pavement Solutions, Inc. for \$40,892.50, and Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC. for \$47,560.00. Karbach made a motion to approve the request and accept the quote from Pavement Solutions. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. This project has been budgeted for this year, \$20,000 from Local Road & Street fund, and \$20,892.50 from MVH-Street fund.

There being no further business, Karbach made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.