

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and 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 6th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The Mayor was approached to join High Performance Government Network, which was started by former Fort Wayne Mayor, Graham Richard. The Network is not-for-profit that is dedicated to designing, developing, and deploying high performance accountable public services. The Network assists local government officials to develop quality improvements by using data to identify service delivery weaknesses and to establish working models for immediate and on-going improvements. The cost to join this Network is \$3,500.00. By consensus, the Mayor will invite a representative to the May 4th Board of Works and Council meeting to explain High Performance Government Network with no commitment to join. The Mayor will also notify the Department Heads to attend this meeting for their input.

The Clerk-Treasurer received from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. Change Order No. 1F for Culy Construction & Excavating, Inc. for the Manhole Rehabilitation Project. The Change Order is a decrease of \$17,675.00, due to fewer manholes in need of repair. Karbach made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1F, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received a tax bill for the train depot on 7th Street. The building was being leased to Gandy Dancer's until May 1, 2009, since the lease was not terminated until after March 1st the taxes would still be due. According to the contract the Lessee shall pay when due, real estate taxes and assessments assessed against the leased premises, which are due in each year of the term of the lease, and any renewals hereof. Karbach made a motion for the Lessee to pay the property tax. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney received a letter from John B. Powell, Dan Buchan's lawyer in reference to the proposed Anthony Wayne Meadows Addition Drainage Project. This project would call for constructing a ditch along a portion of Buchan's Northern property line and improvements to other drainage patterns on his tract of land. Buchan has concerns that it appears the proposed drainage ditch along the Northern property boundary would involve taking at least two acres of the tract, which Buchan feels is taking private property for a public purpose. The other concern Buchan has is contributing to the cost of the improvements, which he feels is very little benefit to him. By consensus, Board member, Bill Karbach and the City Attorney will contact Gene Dryer who also owns property in that area, and discuss other options to keep this project moving ahead.

City Attorney, Tim Baker explained the signage ordinance that will be introduced at the Council meeting.

The City Attorney is also preparing another ordinance which addresses parking, and oversized vehicle parking, and also snow emergency routes. By consensus, the City Attorney was directed to increase the fee for over two hour parking violations from \$2.00 to \$5.00 and \$10.00 to \$25.00 if the parking ticket is not paid within 48 hours. If a parking violation goes to court, an additional \$100.00 fine will be assessed. This ordinance with the amendments will be introduced at the May council meeting.

There being no further business, Karbach made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.