

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, April 21, 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 April 7th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported the Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reviewed five (5) rental equipment and labor bids and recommended accepting all bids for 2009. Karbach made a motion to accept all bids, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Bids are on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

The Mayor was notified by the Asst. Fire Chief, Jim Hitchcock, 60 American flags downtown need to be replaced. Hitchcock received a quote from Flags Over America for cotton flags at \$4.00 each, and polyester flags at \$9.50 each, plus \$8.00 shipping cost. By consensus, the board members gave the fire department permission to purchase the flags, and also gave them the choice to purchase polyester flags if the flags will be up from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day, or to purchase cotton flags if the flags will be up for special events only. This will be paid from the Mayor's promotional fund.

The Mayor received an email from Steven Christner, Adams County Chairman for Relay For Life. Christner is requesting to hang purple ribbons in Decatur during the month of June for Relay For Life. By consensus, the Board of Works approved the request.

The Mayor reported Building Supt., Roger Gage has solicited quotes from contractors for the sidewalk program. The Mayor said Gage informed him only one quote was received from Hitchcock Concrete, Inc. By consensus, the Board of Works members approved the quote from Hitchcock Concrete.

The Mayor was notified by Margaret Aeschliman, owner of Gandy Dancer's who wants to terminate the lease with the city for the property located on 7th Street effective May 1, 2009. The amount still due to the city from Aeschliman is \$675.98, plus 2008 payable 2009 property taxes. The Mayor will write a letter to Aeschliman about terminating the lease and the amount still due. Meyer made a motion to make the invoice sent to Aeschliman a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

All four (4) 2009 fire contracts were returned signed with approval by the Township Trustees and their Advisory Board members. The contract amounts for 2009 are, Union \$5,917.67, North & South Washington Township \$11,046.32, Root Township \$16,174.97, and St. Mary's Township \$6,312.18. Karbach made a motion to make the 2009 Fire Contracts a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With council members attending the Board of Works meeting, the Mayor explained the Wastewater Treatment Plant is failing their toxicity test, due to too much chloride in the city water being sent to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two (2) consultants have been hired to improve this problem. The Mayor reported the Water Department has used 60 tons less salt in the water to help the situation. Board

member, Bill Karbach remarked the Water Department hasn't cleaned the iron filter in years, but now is doing so, which has helped. Bleaching the Berne Wells has helped eliminate microbe in the water too. The Mayor informed everyone if the Wastewater Treatment Plant fails the test again, then IDEM could give us some more time to fix the problem or could also give higher restrictions. The City is making every effort to solve the problem. The Mayor will keep the Board of Works members, and Council members informed on the results.

Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineers was present. The Mayor asked Adams if curbs and sidewalks were included in the milling of the streets for the CSO project. Adams informed the mayor that curbs and sidewalks were not part of the contract. Adams will work with the contractor Dave's Excavating to see what can be done as far as milling deeper and filling in not as deep with asphalt.

Ben Adams submitted Change Order #2 from Fleming Excavating for Division C Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation – Lift Station Project. The change order is an increase of \$27,398.65 for additional work/extras throughout the course of the project, and adjustment of "as-bid" quantities to "as-built" quantities. Commonwealth recommends payment for this change order. This will not be additional monies; this will be paid with contingency monies. Adams also submitted claim #6 for Fleming Excavating for \$77,759.93. Adams commented with this claim, the project is 99.7% completed. The claim has been reviewed for accuracy and recommends payment. Karbach made a motion to approve Change Order #2, and payment #6 for Fleming Excavating. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will submit the Change Order and the payment to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program.

Ben Adams explained about another change order #3 for Division C Sewer Project. One project is a quote from Fuhrman Electric Corp. on modifications for a portable generator. This generator will be used at the Waterworks, Industrial Park, and Yost Woods, costing \$9,304.00 for material and labor. The other sewer repair project is on Piqua Road at a cost of \$9,500.00, and in the alley between 1st and 2nd Street behind the old First State Bank building at a cost of \$26,000.00. Adams will combine all three projects and make one final change order to be paid from the SRF loan.

Adams also reported to the Board of Works members the CSO's had meters installed to track overflows, and on Wednesday, April 22, his firm will do an inspection.

The Mayor asked two council members to help review the city code books. Ken Meyer and Barb Engle will setup a meeting with the mayor in the near future.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel reported at the last Board of Works meeting, that the board members gave him permission to advertise for bids on radios to be purchased through a grant. Marckel explained the State of Indiana has already received bids on these types of radios, so another bid is not required since the Fire Department qualifies as a political subdivision. Marckel emailed FEMA to see which QPA is permissible, once he receives documentation from FEMA, he could purchase the radios. Meyer made a motion when Marckel receives a response back from FEMA to proceed in purchasing the radios. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.