

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
MAY 4, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board member Ken Meyer. Also present was City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright. Board member Bill Karbach was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from April 20th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The First Presbyterian Church at 301 Mercer Avenue had signed an agreement with the City to post a Decatur City Ordinance 1988-21 sign. Meyer made a motion to approve and sign the agreement, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Ryan Chasey handed out information explaining High Performance Government Network, which was started by former Fort Wayne Mayor, Graham Richard. The Network is not-for-profit. If Decatur would join the Network, they would work together with other communities in similar size to make government more efficient. The communities would gather for 15 sessions over a 6-8 month period, costing \$60,000. The cities portion would be 20% and the other 80% would be paid by the foundation. If two other cities would join the Network, then the cost to Decatur would be \$3,300.00. To become a member of the Network the cost is based on population, approximately \$1,000 per year. No decision was made at this time. The Mayor will report back to Mr. Chasey after council reviews the information and the Mayor contacts the City of New Haven to see if they are interested in joining before making any commitments.

Mayor Schultz was contacted by Larry Macklin, Executive Director of the Adams County Economic Development who may have a potential buyer for Industrial Park III which could create 50 jobs. The potential buyer is considering purchasing 20 acres. By consensus, the Mayor and Council members suggested \$7,000 to \$10,000 per acre for the developed acreage, and \$15,000 for the undeveloped acreage.

The Mayor reported Biggs, Inc. did receive credits from the Indiana Housing Development to rehab the Village Green Apartments 2, 3 & 4.

By consensus, the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer are to receive quotes on Health Insurance from local agents, STAR, Bixler, Kintz and also IACT. The Clerk-Treasurer reported she will receive the renewal amount from Anthem by May 15th or soon after.

Parking Control Officer, Beth Heimann handed out parking tickets to show the Board of Works and Council members what is currently printed on them. Heimann checked with Complete Printing to see if they could print them for less than the current company, but they were not capable. Heimann received a quote with the changes for the new parking fees. The new tickets will cost \$560.00, plus shipping and handling. Heimann was directed to also include on the new tickets the wording: fines could be greater if litigated.

The City Attorney received a Notice of Tort Claim from Blackburn & Green on Tony Woodworth who on December 1, 2009 was on the premises of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Decatur license branch, located at 519 N. 13th Street in Decatur. Woodworth was sitting in a chair in the Decatur license branch waiting area when the chair collapsed causing Woodworth to fall to the floor and become injured. The City Attorney responded to the Notice by letter stating the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is a State agency, and the City has no involvement with the BMV. Meyer made a motion to make the Notice and the City Attorney's letter a matter of record. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the recorded easements for the 224 East Sewer Project a matter of record. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The easements are between TCM Investment, Inc., .022 acres, Gregory R. and Brenda Lee G. Townsend Revocable Trust .001 acres, Townsend and Caston Investment Company, Inc., .020 acres, Gary L. Meyer .074 acres, and .031 acres.

Mayor Schultz was notified by IDEM that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is in violation due to the flow meters being removed from the downtown sewer system. The Mayor, the City Attorney, and the Wastewater Supt., Anne Butcher will contact Commonwealth Engineers to resolve this issue.

The City Attorney received a letter from Dan Buchan's Attorney, John Powell in reference to the Anthony Wayne Meadows addition drainage project. The letter states that Dan Buchan has no interest in putting any of his own money into any proposed improvements, but as for the ditch, Buchan would be willing to sell that land to the City provided that ingress and egress is maintained over the ditch where roadways dead-end into Buchan's tract. The Mayor stated this project would not be completed this year, and will look into other alternatives to complete this project in the future.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.