

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
MAY 17, 2011

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 3rd meeting, and also the Special Board of Works/Council Meeting from May 10th. There were no corrections or amendments. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Defibrillators that were donated to the City will need batteries replaced, costing approximately \$400 per battery. Police Chief, Ken Ketzler will contact EMS director, Ed Ford to get pricing and report back at the June 7th Board of Works meeting.

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

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported he met with County Attorney, Mark Burry and Todd Samuelson from Umbaugh to discuss financing the City/County building project. Baker explained the City could bond two separate projects and not go through a referendum as long as both projects are under \$2 million. If the projects are financed separately, City and County, each entity would publish their proposed project, and then wait for 30 days to see if any petitions are filed for or against the project. Another option is for the City to use CEDIT or CCD funds instead of using property tax revenue to fund the project. Baker added that Samuelson cautioned using CEDIT funds for the next 3-4 years due to the distributions declining due to the Indiana Revenue Service's error. The City Attorney asked for a recommendation who to hire for bond counsel, if this project is bonded. By consensus, Ice Miller was recommended, since the City had worked with them in the past. Mayor Schultz directed Baker to arrange an Executive Meeting with Umbaugh to receive more information on financing this project.

Mayor Schultz mentioned becoming a TIF District through the Redevelopment Commission. The Mayor added Decatur has been overlooked by Industries since Decatur doesn't have a TIF District. No decisions were made at this time, but will discuss again in the future.

Larry Isch representing Decatur's 175th Birthday Celebration was present to request a beer tent on 2nd Street. The Mayor and Isch will check with Vinnie's Bar, the Chamber of Commerce, and Graber Insurance to see who is liable before giving permission.

Mayor Schultz and Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert negotiated consultant services with GAI Consultants for the sign replacement project from \$80,000 to \$70,000, which will be paid with a grant through INDOT. Karbach made a motion to approve and sign the LPA-Consulting Contract with GAI Consultants, Inc. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert explained he is the ERC (Employer Responsible Charge) for the City for any Federal or State aid projects. The Group III Grant application for the reconstruction of East Monroe Street has been submitted to INDOT for review and approval of funding for design and

construction. This project will require an adequate storm water outlet for the proposed new curb and storm sewer. Gilbert received a lump sum cost, not to exceed \$7,900.00 from Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering for a study to evaluate storm water drainage issues for this project. Meyer made a motion to proceed and approve the study, with recommendation to Council for the study to be paid with CEDIT funds. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. requested permission from the Board members to allow Commonwealth Engineers to amend a portion of the Task Order for IDEM Regulatory Assistance dated March 2010 for Task 2, assisting City staff in applying for and obtaining a Marketing Distribution of Biosolids Land Application Permit, due to changes from IDEM. The cost for additional engineering services is \$3,757.44. Karbach made a motion to approve the request of \$3,757.44 to be paid from the sewage operating fund. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz reported IDEM is requiring the City to have a plan in place to keep the CSO's open downtown. In this plan, there are 11 tasks to be performed by Commonwealth Engineers totaling \$83,000. The Mayor contacted another engineering firm to see what they would charge for these services. The other firm estimated \$120,000. Meyer made a motion to approve and for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Board of Works members, Task Order No. 2011-01 from Commonwealth Engineers for \$83,000. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. These additional engineering services will be paid from the Sewage Operating fund.

Board member, Bill Karbach asked permission to design and place a sign in yards with tall grass. By consensus, Karbach was given approval. City Attorney, Tim Baker added the sign must comply with the City's ordinance.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.