

CITY OF DECATUR  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, May 18, 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 May 4th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received an invoice from Commonwealth Engineers for basic engineering services for the month of March for the Wastewater Improvements Project totaling \$1,282.00. Karbach made a motion to approve the invoice, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward this invoice to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for payment.

A rate study was performed by NIPSCO on the Sewage Department account, showing fewer therms are being used. It was recommended to change the rate plan from the current 325 rate to 321, which will save an estimated \$978 over a year. Karbach made a motion for the Mayor to sign the gas rate change release form, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor was informed by INDOT an agreement will need to be signed before INDOT can proceed on the street improvements on Adams Street due to the railroad crossing. The Mayor is to confer with INDOT that there will be no cost to the City if funds are not secured by Stimulus funds. Meyer made a motion for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Board of Works members. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Mayor Schultz received IDEM Regulatory Assistance Task Order from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. Task #1 is to assist City staff and legal counsel with the regulatory IDEM coordination and renegotiation of the Dean Foods IWP to reflect loading based criteria, with one (1) on-site coordination meeting. The estimated cost for services for Task #1 is \$3,500.00. Task #2 is to assist City staff in IDEM Permitting assistance associated with applying for and obtaining a Marketing Distribution Biosolids Land Application Permit. Task #2 is estimated to cost \$9,400.00. Karbach made a motion for the Mayor to sign the Task Orders, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion took place for the Mayor to pursue a grant to improve the sewers downtown.

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

The City Attorney was directed to review the Town of Geneva's ordinance on properties within the city limits that have high grass that the city has to mow. The City Attorney will report back at the next Board of Works meeting.

The Mayor was given information on County Innkeeper's Tax from the ACEDC Board Members to get response from City officials to see if the County wants to implement this tax. This tax would help

promote tourism in Decatur. If the tax was set at 5% this could create an estimated \$85,000 in revenues. Council members questioned how the money is disbursed and who would be in charge of the money once it's collected. The Mayor will get more information and report back at the next meeting.

Mayor reported Decatur was turned down for an energy grant to make improvements to the train depot on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The improvements are estimated at \$40,000.00. The Mayor may have a tenant interested in renting the depot if the improvements are done. Board member, Ken Meyer commented he would like to have a commitment before fixing up the building. No decisions were made at this time.

Mayor Schultz will report at the next Board of Works meeting whether or not the City of New Haven will join High Performance Government Network.

Scott & Carrie Freeman who live on Lewis Street questioned why Bunge was adding a new rail line and cutting down the trees along the railroad behind their property. Mayor informed the Freeman's the new rail is to store railroad cars. The Mayor will contact Bunge to find out if the trees will be replaced and report back to the Freeman's.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep solicited two (2) quotes and is requesting to replace the 2008 Case backhoe that is having transmission problems, with a 2010 Case backhoe, costing \$9,875.00 with trade. Meyer made a motion to approved purchasing the 2010 Case backhoe. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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