

CITY OF DECATUR  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 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. City Attorney, Tim Baker was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from May 6<sup>th</sup>, and also the May 12<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. An addition was offered by the City Attorney for the Special Meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> for the bids for Industrial Park Phase III-A, to add to the second paragraph: by an Addendum to the bid specifications, which was delivered to all potential bidders for the date change of the meeting, and the addendum was also made a matter of record. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried.

The Mayor was informed by the Building Supt., Roger Gage that there are permit fees required for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project, in order to have these permit fees waived the State Board of Accounts instructed Gage he will need to get permission from the Board of Works member to waive these fees. Meyer made a motion to waive the permit fees, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor read resignation letter from Donald P. Thomas. The letter states Thomas will retire from the Decatur Police Department effective June 8<sup>th</sup>, last working day will be June 7, 2008. Meyer made a motion to accept the resignation and make the letter a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The Mayor received a letter from Fire Chief, Les Marckel recommending the Board of Works members to approve hiring Andrew Stimpson as a volunteer firefighter. Karbach made a motion to approve the hiring and make the letter a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Works members scheduled interviews for five (5) applicants for the position of a Police Patrolman for Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall in the Mayor's office.

The Mayor read a letter written to Adams County Auditor, William Borne which included six revised Orders from the Department of Local Government Finance who has cancelled the accrued taxes, penalties, and interest for six (6) railroad properties in the City of Decatur. These properties are being used by the Decatur Parks & Recreation Department for the walking and biking trails. Meyer made a motion to make the letter and the Orders a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made a motion for the Mayor to sign a Permit Application from NIPSCO who is requesting permission to install 280 feet of 2" plastic gas main along High Street. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Dave's Excavating, Inc. submitted a letter to the city relating to the LTCP Phase II Sewer Separation Project – Division B, in relating to the MBE/WBE goals, which is to search the most current IDOA Certified Business Listing to obtain certified business contacts for the work considered subcontracting out, which will be for asphalt paving. As for now, Dave's Excavating is unable to locate any certified

MBE/WBE firms that could perform this type of work. Meyer made a motion to make the letter from Dave's Excavating a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker informed the Board members that the lease agreement with Margaret Aeschliman has expired, so in order to renew the lease for Gandy Dancer's located at 111 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the Board of Works members will need to appoint two (2) appraisers to determine the fair market rental value of the property. The appraisers may be employees of the political subdivision familiar with the value of the property, so Meyer made a motion to appoint Board Member, Bill Karbach and Bill Whitright who is the Utilities Certified Service Rep. for the city. Schultz seconded the motion. Karbach abstained from voting. Motion carried. Once the value of the property is established, then the next step is to advertise for bids.

Mark Jesse from Bonar Group presented the bid tabulation sheet of the seven (7) bids received for the Industrial Park Phase III-A Project. The low bidder was from Fleming Excavating, Inc. with a base bid of \$718,105.23. Bonar Group recommended not to accept the \$360 deduct for reducing the lift station pump warranty period, also not accepting the \$3,700 for using Barnes pumps in lieu of City's desired Fairbanks Morse pumps, but do accept the alternate bid for the paved concrete ditch in the amount of \$25,908.69. Bonar Group recommendation was to award the lowest, responsible and responsive bid to Fleming Excavating, Inc. for the total contract amount of \$744,013.92. Karbach made a motion to accept the recommendation from Bonar Group, and for the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award to Fleming Excavating, Inc. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. This project will be paid from the CEDIT fund.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. reported that Driggs has made attempts for improvements, and there hasn't been any complaint from residents, since the odor has been improving.

Jeff Rowe from Umbaugh explained the rate study he had prepared for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Improvements. The proposed 2008 revenue bond totals \$9,276,000.00, with an interest rate of 4.03% for 20 years. Total combined 2004 and the Proposed 2008 SRF loans is \$20,902,970.55. This will cause the average sewer rate to increase \$11.58 within the city, and \$17.44 for outside the city. The rate ordinance will be introduced at May 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, with the Public Hearing at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. Pre-Closing of the SRF loan will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> in Indianapolis, and then closing on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

Board member, Bill Karbach commented the State should be contacted in reference to having better signage on 13<sup>th</sup> Street – US Highway 27 North, when coming into Decatur making drivers more aware of the traffic light at the intercession of 13<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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.