

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, June 1, 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 18th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor received a total project summary report from Commonwealth Engineers, which included construction for the Wastewater SRF Projects, showing remaining funds of \$24,934.00 as of May 1, 2010.

The Mayor received a quote from First Response for shirts, shorts, vest and rain coat for the Parking Control Officer. By consensus, the Board approved purchasing a jacket for winter, a light weight vest, and a badge.

Mayor Schultz received a request from the Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a golf team for \$300 for the Annual Golf Outing event. By consensus, the Board member declined the \$300 towards the event.

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

The Mayor reported the increase for health insurance from Anthem to be 21.74%. The Clerk-Treasurer commented once Anthem reviews the claims for the month of May; the percentage of increase could go down. By consensus, the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer were instructed to get quotes from local agencies and to look at other insurance plans.

The Mayor reported the Department Heads will begin their budgets for 2011.

The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to calculate the City's cost for a 1% and 2% raise for 2011 for the next meeting.

The Clerk-Treasurer handed out the City's fund report showing the balances in each fund as of May 31, 2010.

Board of Works and Council members discussed whether or not to replace employees when someone retires and the number of employees needed in each department. The Mayor will meet with the Department Heads to get their input.

The City Attorney talked briefly on sewer districts. The Mayor will get more information on this and report back at a future meeting.

The City Attorney reviewed the Town of Geneva's nuisance ordinance on high grass as directed by the Board members from the previous meeting. The City Attorney mentioned several items in Decatur's

Code of Ordinances that needed to be amended, so by consensus, the City Attorney was directed to prepare an amendment to the nuisance ordinance for the next council meeting.

The Mayor handed out information to the Board of Works and Council members on estimated revenues from a County Innkeeper's Tax. By consensus, the members were in favor of the Innkeeper's tax. The Mayor will report this to the ACEDC Board members.

Mayor Schultz will report at the next Board of Works meeting the cost for improvements to the train depot on 7th Street.

The Mayor reported New Haven and Columbia City has joined High Performance Government Network. By consensus, council members approved joining the Network and to pay the initial cost of \$3,350.00 from the common council fund.

Water Supt., Jim Inskip and Asst. Water Supt., Bill Carpenter were present to request the Board of Works members to amend the policy manual to allow holidays be considered as time worked when a water utility employee is on-call on Saturday and Sunday. By consensus, the Board members amended the policy to allow utilities employees that work on-call on Saturday and Sunday and the workweek includes a holiday, the holiday is considered time worked.

The City Attorney was contacted by Attorney, Blair Brown representing the Richard Sullivan family, who is selling a house located on Winchester Road that is not connected into the city sewer system. Brown wants to know if the City is requiring the Sullivan's to connect into the City's sewer system. The City does not require anyone to connect into the sewer system unless there's a health issue. The Mayor will contact Terry Smith at the County Health Department to see if there are any health issues.

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

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ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Whitright, Clerk-Treasurer