

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, June 3, 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 20th. A correction was offered by Board Member, Bill Karbach to clarify that he and Bill Whitright will be determining the fair market *rental value* of the property at 111 N. 7th Street. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Karbach. Motion carried.

The Agreement for Industrial Park Phase III between contractor Fleming Excavating, Inc. and the City of Decatur was mailed to the Mayor by Mark Jesse from Bonar Group. The work in the agreement consists of construction of a stormwater detention basin, installation of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, lift station/wet well, force main, road construction, and all related appurtenances. Total amount of the agreement is \$744,013.92. Contract time will begin July 2, 2008 with final completion to be September 30, 2008. Meyer made a motion to approve the terms and conditions of the agreement and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the city. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Ponist of Commonwealth Engineers presented a letter to the Mayor to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for approval of the Construction Permit No. L-0272 issued May 28, 2008, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Meyer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter on behalf of the city. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board Members discussed putting into place a three (3) year contract for future hiring for Police Officers and Firefighters, due to the cost to the city for training, uniforms, and equipment. For the next Board of Works meeting the Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to obtain the city's cost of hiring a police officer and firefighter.

The Board Members made their selection to hire two (2) police officers. Karbach made a motion to hire Jonathan P. Wenzel. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Meyer made a motion to hire Joel C. Lengerich. Schultz seconded the motion. Karbach abstained from voting, commenting he would like to hire Alexander Birch. The vote was two (2) in favor, and one (1) abstaining. Motion carried.

Board member, Meyer commented Wenzel and Lengerich were also recommended from the Police Chief and the Deputy Chief.

The Police Chief will contact the applicants of the Board Members decision. These two (2) new hires will then need to be approved by the PERF board.

The Mayor was contacted by Johanna Heshner representing Alpha Signa. The sorority wants to sell produce on the city's parking lot next to the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. City Attorney, Tim Baker instructed the Mayor to contact the city's insurance carrier to see what the city's liability would be if they use the city's parking lot.

The Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer met with Dave Watt of Anthem Insurance for the annual renewal for Health, Dental, and Prescription Drugs coverage for full-time employees. With no changes to the plan, the premium increased \$64,000 yearly, which is a 6.2% increase. A single plan cost \$483.07 per month, per employee, and the employee paying \$1 per year, and the city pays the remainder. The family plan cost \$1,218.39 per month, per family, with the employee paying \$73.53 per month, the city paying the remainder. The Mayor remarked there were several different plans the city could choose from to save on cost, the mayor suggested changing the prescription drug plan, which could save the city approximately \$12,000. No decision was made at this time. The Mayor will provide the council and board members with this information, so they can make a decision at the next meeting.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported Chris Harvey is going full-time as County Prosecutor and will not be handling tax abatements. The tax abatement's will be handled by Audra Snyder. Baker also mentioned a request for tax abatement for a new roof for Hoosier Pattern was brought to his attention. Baker wanted Council to be aware that this request may come up at a future meeting.

Salary increases were briefly discussed. The Clerk-Treasurer previously sent information to council members of what the additional cost to the city would be for a 3% raise. Salaries which are on the tax rate will cost the city over \$90,000. Councilman Cook commented that he would like a 3% raise, but would like to have no less than a \$900.00 raise, so he suggested adding the difference to the employees pay that will make less than \$900.00. Councilman Dyer and Meyer would like to see raises based on performance rather than the same raise for everyone. No decisions were made. A decision will be made at the next meeting, so the department heads can prepare their 2009 budgets. Both Councilman Dyer and Crone suggested for 2010, to discuss wages at the beginning of the year to provide more time for discussion.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.