

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 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 June 2nd. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice a matter of record to receive bids for 700-800 MHz communications equipment for the fire departments. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Only one (1) bid was received from Motorola, Inc. for \$499,983.28. All necessary paperwork was included with the bid. The Fire Chief, Les Marckel and Deputy Fire Chief, Jim Hitchcock reviewed the bid and recommended accepting the bid from Motorola. Karbach made a motion to accept the bid from Motorola, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried. This communication equipment will be paid through a grant from FEMA. Local match will be paid by Adams County and the Decatur, Preble, Monroe, Berne and Geneva fire departments. Marckel commented the bid received is less than the grant amount by \$5,017.00, which can be used for other communication equipment.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel received a resignation letter from volunteer firefighter, Chad Barker. Barker resigned as a Decatur Volunteer Firefighter effective May 29, 2009. Marckel requested permission to fill the vacancy. Meyer made a motion to make the resignation letter a matter of record and to allow the Fire Chief permission to fill the vacancy. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported Building Supt., Roger Gage informed him the calls his department receives for tall grass have been mowed. Gage would like to take bids next year on hiring a company to mow these properties. No action was taken at this time.

The Mayor read a letter from Margaret Aeschliman, owner of Gandy Dancers Flowers & Gifts which reads, as of May 1st. we will no longer be renting the building from the City of Decatur, located at 111 N. 7th Street. Karbach made a motion to make the letter a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received payment requests and a Change Order from Commonwealth Engineers for Fleming Excavating for Division "C" Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation – Lift Station Improvements project. These payment requests have been previously submitted, but the amounts have been revised by Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineers due to a mathematical error. Change Order #3F, and Payment #7, and Payment #8-Final Retainage amounts were reduced by a total of \$4,524.41. Karbach made a motion to approve the amendments, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will forward these revised payment requests to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for payment.

The Mayor was informed by Building Supt., Roger Gage that additional repairs are needed on the train depot building on 7th Street to keep the building from deteriorating. Andrew Garcia of Strong Hold Masonry quoted an amount of approximately \$2,300. Karbach made a motion to approve accepting the quote from Andrew Garcia with council's approval for the expenditure. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With the City Council members attending the meeting, the Mayor requested permission for the mayor to prepare a letter to Indiana Department of Transportation to allow the city to be the lead agency for stimulus funds for replacing the bridge at Bunge. The only cost the city would have in this project is for engineering fees. Meyer made a motion to authorize the Mayor to submit a letter to INDOT on behalf of the city. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright handed out the Summary of Benefits from Anthem Insurance explaining the difference from the current plan and the new plan council approved effective August 1, 2009. Whitright also reported she checked with Anthem if an employee could chose between the new plan and or the current plan, but pay the additional cost. Anthem informed Whitright due to changing from Platform Blue 3.0 to Blue 4.0 they cannot offer both plans. Whitright also met with Matt Lehman and Rod Liechty of Bixler Insurance who offer a self insured plan through Benicomp. The Mayor also talked with Kintz Agency, but said it would take at least a month to prepare a quote. Councilwoman Engle suggested offering a health saving plan. By consensus, the insurance plan options were tabled and will take bids for insurance next year for 2011.

The Mayor reported he attended a meeting in Toledo, Ohio with County Surveyor, Paul Norr about flooding. The Mayor remarked the meeting was very informative and Congress is working towards funding for flooding.

Board Member, Bill Karbach handed out a parking survey and explained ways to resolve the parking issue downtown by acquiring parking permits to business owners. Karbach suggested trying this for awhile before making it a city ordinance. Councilman Dyer encourages the idea, but would like to charge more for parking, and maybe extend the numbers of hours for parking from 2 hours to 3 hours. Councilman Cook suggested contacting Judge Schurger to get his input. The mayor recommended reviewing the idea and report back at the next meeting for suggestions.

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