

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2011

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz, 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 7th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer also emailed minutes from June 20th Executive Session, there were no corrections. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Todd Samuelson from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates explained funding options and also the petition and remonstrance process for the proposed City/County building project. Samuelson estimated the cost of this project would be a \$25.00 annually increases to City resident's property taxes, \$15.00 city tax, and \$10.00 county tax.

The City has a lease agreement with Willis Lehman for the water wells in Berne. Mr. Lehman is now deceased, so the property has been deeded to Mr. Lehman son, Orlyn Lehman. The City Attorney will prepare for the July 5th meeting, an addendum to the agreement that future payments will be made to Orlyn Lehman.

Larry Isch and Steve Krull reported cost for additional insurance for the 175th birthday celebration to be approximately \$1,400. Also discussed was having a beer tent at Vinnie's Bar. Isch and Krull were directed to check with the Chamber of Commerce and Vinnie's Bar for insurance coverage.

John and Dan Kintz from Kintz Insurance presented the renewal cost for City employees' health and dental insurance beginning August 1st. John Kintz explained that PHP Insurance had lost over \$96,000 in 9 months due to claims expense. This has caused an increase in premium by 15% for health insurance and 8% for dental coverage totaling over \$120,000. Kintz also solicited quotes from Anthem, who declined to quote, and United Healthcare quoted over 25% increase. Kintz suggested the City to look at going from a 2 to a 4 tier system, and to increase the employees cost for family coverage. This would save over \$30,000 in yearly premium. Also recommended was for the City to establish a policy that if a spouse has coverage elsewhere, they must take it as their primary coverage. This could possibly be a savings of over \$130,000. Council members will review the information and make a decision at the July 5th meeting.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert requested to purchase a Bobcat Skid Loader with a breaker and bucket. Gilbert explained that both the Street Department and Water Department rent a Bobcat several times a year for various projects, but rental is not always available. Gilbert checked the price for new and used equipment. The price for new ranged from \$55,000-\$65,000, and used ranged from \$25,000 to \$30,000. By consensus, Gilbert was given permission to proceed.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler received quotes from Cardiac Science and Zoll to replace the heart defibrillators in the City departments. The lowest quote was from Zoll. Ketzler mentioned Zoll is the same brand the EMS uses, and also the EMS Director can replace the pads on the defibrillators when needed at no cost to the City. There are eight defibrillators to be replaced, costing \$1,100 each. The Clerk-Treasurer will check to see if funds are available to make this purchase.

Meyer made a motion for the Board of Works members to hold an Executive Session on June 27th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers to receive information concerning an individual's alleged misconduct. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Mayor also invited Council members to attend.

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.