

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
JULY 6, 2010

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, July 6, 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 June 15th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received a current report from Commonwealth Engineers for the Wastewater Improvement Projects showing the engineering services are 98.3% complete. Contract balance still due is \$3,936 for inspections, and \$9,557 for post construction fees.

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

Mayor Schultz was informed by High Performance Government Network, funding is no longer available through their foundation. The Mayor has applied for funding through the Adams County Community Foundation. Mayor Schultz will report back to council if these funds are available for the city.

A discussion whether or not to have angle parking on Jefferson Street took place, and was decided not to make any changes at this time.

The Mayor was informed by Terry Smith, from the Adams County Health Dept. several properties in the County will be required to connect into the city sewer system. Mayor Schultz wanted to make clear this is not a requirement from the City, this is a County issue.

The Mayor and Council members reviewed the Preliminary Rate Study report prepared by Stephen Carter from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates at the June 15th Board of Works meeting. Mayor Schultz will report at the Adams County Regional Sewer District meeting on July 13th, the council members are not in favor of using a volume rate.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright handed out the city fund report through June 30th, and a report showing the updated cost for salary increases. Whitright also reported the assessed valuation growth quotient for property tax levies for 2011, to be 2.9%, and tax caps are estimated to be \$204,636 for this year. The Clerk-Treasurer will include in the 2011 budget, approximately \$16,000.00 for the City election in 2011. The Water & Wastewater Utilities have been billed for the first time for payment in lieu of taxes, and increasing the trash collection fees will help build up the cash balance in the general fund.

A discussion on whether or not to give raises in 2011, or maintain the number of employees in each department took place. The Clerk-Treasurer is to provide an estimated balance for the end of the year for the July 20th Board of Works meeting.

Mayor Schultz reported health insurance proposals will be received at the council meeting tonight. Council members may want to schedule a special council meeting to accept a proposal, since the City's insurance renewal date is August 1st. This will be discussed further at the council meeting.

Parks & Recreation, Supt., Steve Krull reported to council the Parks & Recreation fund has a short fall of approximately \$125,000. Krull requested direction from council on cutting services. Krull was directed to submit the 2011 budget the same as 2010's budget. Once the Clerk-Treasurer provides estimated figures for council at the July 20th meeting, then council will make cuts at that time, if necessary.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert requested replacing the 1999 Tarco salt spreader. Gilbert received two quotes and the lowest quote came from W.A. Jones for \$12,122.00. Gilbert also requested purchasing a 2010 Dodge Pickup truck from Shifferly Dodge for \$22,600.00. This truck will be used by the Asst. Street Commissioner. Gilbert also requested using CEDIT funds for these purchases to maintain the amount in the MVH-Street budget. Meyer made a motion to approve replacing the salt spreader, but will need approval at the council meeting to pay for the salt spreader from the CEDIT fund. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meyer tabled the request to purchase the 2010 Dodge truck until the July 20th council meeting. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. reported the boiler at Riverside Center is leaking and will need to be replaced. Estimated cost is \$6,500.00. Krull will report back to council in the future to either repair or replace the boiler.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel requested replacing the roof at the fire station. Quotes were solicited, but ranged from \$3,550 to \$17,000. Only one (1) quote was received to repair the roof, which was received from Indiana Ohio Roof Company at \$2,800.00. Karbach made a motion for Marckel to receive quotes from local businesses not to exceed \$3,000, and to report back to the Board of Works members if the quotes exceed \$3,000. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marckel also requested replacing Personal Protective Equipment for the Fire Department. The estimated cost is \$6,000. Marckel commented this equipment has been budgeted for 2010. Marckel was instructed to make the request for the expenditure at the council meeting.

There being no further business, Karbach made a motion for adjournment. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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ATTEST: _____
Phyllis J. Whitright, Clerk-Treasurer