

CITY OF DECATUR  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board member Ken Meyer. Board member Bill Karbach was absent. City Attorney, Tim Baker was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Schultz. The Clerk-Treasurer emailed the minutes from July 15th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Performance Bond, Certificate of Liability Insurance, and Agreement with Thieneman Construction, Inc., for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project totaling \$5,690,000.00 a matter of record. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for bids for the city's lease property at 111 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street a matter of record. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Only one (1) bid was received for the city's lease property at 111 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The bid received was from Gandy Dancers Flowers & Gifts for \$175.00 per month.

Meyer made a motion to accept the bid from Gandy Dancers and to have the Mayor sign the lease agreement commencing on September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2010. The lease shall automatically renew for a two (2) year term for up to four (4) times, or a maximum of ten (10) years. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported Police Chief, Ken Ketzler was approached by Barry Humble of North Adams Community Schools whether the city would help fund a resource officer at the school. The officer's salary would be paid through a grant, but the benefits would be the city's expense. The cost of benefits is estimated to be \$22,000. It was decided that the city could not fund this at this time, due to the revenue losses from property tax reforms in 2009 and 2010.

Board member, Ken Meyer had concerns on whether the city is charging enough for trash pickup. The city would need to charge at least \$9.76 per month to break even, currently the charge per month is only \$4.00. It was discussed to maybe hire a company to handle the trash pickup for the city. No decision was made at this time, but will look at this as an option in the future.

The Mayor reported Roger Gage, Building & Planning Supt. spoke with each councilmember individually to inform them of his need to purchase a new vehicle to replace his eleven (11) year old vehicle. Gage is requesting to transfer monies within his budget to make this purchase. By consensus, the Board Members gave Gage approval. The Mayor will have Gage get two (2) quotes, and a resolution will be prepared for the transfer of funds to be presented at the next council meeting.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert was present to discuss changing the speed limits on 450 N to County Road 100 for the new Industrial Park near Wal-Mart, and also changing the street name. Gilbert was instructed to take his questions to the Plan Commission and then the Plan Commission will give their recommendations to city council members.

The Street Commissioner also reported there has been illegal dumping on the city's property on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The Street Commissioner was instructed to contact the Police Chief, Ken Ketzler to take care of this problem.

Les Marckel, Fire Chief was present to discuss some of the items in his 2009 budget. Marckel has tried getting Federal grants in the past to purchase fire equipment, but has not been successful. Marckel commented some of the items, such as the breathing apparatuses could be purchased in 2010. Marckel suggested setting up a Non-Reverting fund to purchase expensive fire equipment, by using the revenues received from the Township Fire Contracts. No decision was made at this time.

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