

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, August 19, 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 August 5th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced bids will be received for the sanitation truck chassis at the September 16th meeting. The chassis will be paid from the Riverboat Revenue Sharing Fund.

A letter from Ben Adams from Commonwealth Engineers reviewed and is recommending Payment Request No. 1 from Dave's Excavating for Division B – LTCP Phase II Sanitary Sewer Separation in the amount of \$109,029.12 plus retainage of \$5,738.38. The work completed represents 7.3% of the contract amount. Karbach made a motion to approve the recommendation from Commonwealth Engineers, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A letter from Jeff Ponist from Commonwealth Engineers reviewed and is recommending Payment Request No. 1 from Thieneman Construction for Division A - Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of \$1,190,923.67 plus retainage of \$62,680.20. The work completed represents 22% of the contract amount. Karbach made a motion to approve the recommendation from Commonwealth Engineers, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright reported George Bawcum from Umbaugh was hired to assist the city in investing the monies in the 2008 SRF bonds. These monies are currently in a money market at Bank of New York, but Umbaugh will invest further by investing in securities by the draw schedule for the sewage projects from Commonwealth Engineers. By hiring Umbaugh to assist in the investing, the Sewage Utilities could earn approximately \$15,000 additional interest.

The City Attorney reported the City's farm leases for 450 N & 600 N will expire on November 30, 2008. Bids will need to be taken and advertised. Meyer made a motion for the City Attorney to proceed in preparing the leases, and advertisement for bids. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. was present to explain the activities planned for this weekend for the Kekionga Festival. Krull also reported the back of Hanna Nuttman Park will soon be open. Councilman, Bill Crone asked Krull if something could be done about the grease spill on the walking trail behind Gerber's. Krull was not aware of the grease spill, but will take care of the problem.

The Mayor, the Clerk-Treasurer, and the Utilities Auditor, Bob Ladd met with Jeff Rowe of Umbaugh to hear the results of the outside sewer rate study. The rate of return for outside surcharge could range from 8% - 12%. It was agreed upon to calculate the rate of return at 10%. Jeff Rowe will re-calculate these figures and present the final results at the next Council meeting.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert received two (2) quotes for crack sealing of city streets. Also attached to the quotes is a Certificate of Liability Insurance. The quotes were from:

Pavement Solutions, Inc.
\$.40 per lineal foot

Limestone Products, Inc.
\$.60 per lineal foot

Gilbert commented the city has used Pavement Solutions in the past. The Street Commissioner is estimating to spend \$30,000.00. Meyer made a motion to approve the quote from Pavement Solutions. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Street Commissioner provided information for trash pickup in the city. City residents are receiving five (5) services, regular trash, heavy trash, grass clippings, leaf pickup, and compost for \$4.00 per month. It was discussed to charge more for this service. No action was taken at this time.

In hiring entertainment for the City's Christmas Party, it was agreed upon to hire a live band this year instead of a DJ.

The Mayor introduced Tom Lehman of Fifth Third Bank. Lehman is on the committee for Downtown Revitalization.

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