

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, September 2, 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 19th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Ponist from Commonwealth Engineers was present to give an update on the sewer projects. Division A-Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements is on schedule. Ponist mentioned replacing discharge valves that were installed in 1991. The cost is approximately \$25,000 to \$26,000.00. If the valves are replaced, then a change order will be submitted. For Division B-Sewer Separation Project, the contractors found a sewer line plugged on Marshall Street between 9th and 10th Street. Ponist also reported the water line replacement on 7th Street is completed. The construction meetings take place every first Tuesday of each month at City Hall in Council Chambers at 2:30 p.m.

City Attorney, Tim Baker announced he will prepare the city's farm lease renewals for September 16th Board of Works meeting for the board members to review, and then advertise for bids.

The Mayor reported bids for the sanitation chassis are now being accepted and will be opened at the September 16th Board of Works meeting.

With all five (5) council members present, the Mayor invited them to attend an IACT meeting to be held on Monday, October 13th in South Bend.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. was present to give an update on the improvements in Hanna Nuttman Park. Street lights will need to be installed and stop signs. Krull received an estimate from Rorick Electric to install street lights; the estimate was approximately \$3,800.00. A question on who owns the Boy Scout and Girl Scout cabins in Hanna Nuttman Park was discussed. Krull will investigate and report back at a future meeting.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler approached the Board of Works and Council Members on hiring a Resource Officer for North Adams School. The Substance Abuse Council will apply for a four (4) year grant. The school has \$36,000 budgeted for wages for the officer, the City would be responsible to pay for benefits. Ketzler estimated benefits will cost approximately \$22,000 per year. After the four (4) years, the school would pay for this officer. The school is requesting a veteran law enforcer from the city police department. Ketzler remarked the officer will also take care of the safety village and the DARE programs. Ketzler suggested he has budgeted replacing three (3) police vehicles each year, Ketzler would forfeit one vehicle, and only replace two (2) vehicles for the next four years and transfer the monies to wages. No decision was made at this time.

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.