

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board member 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 August 16th meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made a motion to make the Addendum to the Real Estate Agreement dated July 19, 2011 between Dwayne Skaggs and the City of Decatur a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler was unable to attend the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting, so Mayor Schultz read a letter from Ketzler that on August 22, 2011 Chris Everett was removed from the Police Department, so Ketzler contacted the Board of Works members to receive permission to contact Casey Springer to see if he would be interested in employment with the Police Department. Springer is one of the remaining candidates previously interviewed by the Board of Works members to fill the previous openings. Ketzler offered Springer the opportunity to be considered for hiring at this time, but a formal job offer would only be considered or offered contingent on his passing the PERF Medical and Psychological testing, and also signing of a five (5) year contract. Meyer made a motion to make the letter from Ketzler a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meyer made a motion to approve the termination of Everett. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meyer made a motion to approve the recommendation from the Police Chief to proceed with the hiring process with Casey Springer to fill the patrolman position subject to passing the PERF testing. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

There has been a problem in the parks, so it was discussed to amend the City Ordinance to post hours when the parks are open and possibly have video surveillance. Larry Isch, Park Board President was present and commented that he will discuss this with the Park Board.

Councilman Dyer had emailed the Board of Works and Council members about a request from Kelly Ehinger, Director of Adams Public Library to eliminate the two (2) hour parking north side of Court Street. By consensus, the two (2) hour parking will remain on Court Street.

Meyer made a motion for the City to use the right-of-way location of dedicated Bollman Street west of High Street to install a sanitary sewer. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the easement description and survey drawing a matter of record for the extended sanitary sewer to connect three (3) homes on Bollman Street. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The City Attorney will have the easement and drawing recorded with the Adams County Recorder's office.

Asst. Wastewater Supt., Verlin Butcher and Storm Water Manager, Joan Eichhorn were present to answer any questions concerning the requirement by the Adams County Health Department for county sewers on septic tanks to hookup to the City sewer. Council and Board of Works members were given a copy of the letter and waiver that had been mailed to home owners. The letter and waiver details the guidelines of any sewer hookup.

Roger Gage, Building Supt. received estimates for interior improvements to the train depot building on 7th Street. The estimates ranged from \$36,000-\$38,000. Gage mentioned the Adams County Community Foundation is soliciting donations from vendors on behalf of the City. By consensus, no improvements will be done until after January 2012.

Fire Chief, Les Marckel received two (2) quotes from Linnemeier Repair Service and Clarke Power Services, Inc. to install a generator replacement meter kit, and to replace the flow meter sensor on the fire truck. Quotes for the generator kit were \$1,309.70 from Linnemeier and \$1,431.57 from Clarke. Quotes for the flow meter sensor were \$1,225.22 from Linnemeier, and \$1,325.66 from Clarke. Karbach made a motion to approve the expenditures and accept the low quotes from Linnemeier to be paid from the Fire Department's budget. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney, Tim Baker had reviewed some old cases filed with the City, and asked direction from the Board if they wanted him to pursue them. Karbach made a motion to give the City Attorney authority to handle the cases with his best discretion. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney also mentioned he will be updating the fee for dogs running at large in the City's Code of Ordinances.

The City Attorney had reviewed the contract from INDOT for Group III East Monroe Street Road Rehabilitation Project from Piqua Road to the east city limits. Karbach made a motion to approve the terms of the agreement and authorized the agreement to be signed by the Mayor and the Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert.

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.