

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, September 16, 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 September 2nd. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for bids for a Sanitation Truck Chassis a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Only one (1) bid was received from Selking International. Before the City Attorney, Tim Baker opened the bid he wanted it noted that Attorney, Scott Ainsworth who works in the same law firm as Baker, represents Selking International, if there is any conflict of interest. The City Attorney read the bid aloud, the bid was for a 2008 Diamond SPEC 7400 SBA 4x2 International Truck for \$79,610.00 less trade in \$15,000.00, total amount of the bid \$64,610.00. Meyer made a motion to take the bid under advisement until the next Board of Works meeting so the Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert can review the bid. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Street Commissioner still has a little over \$27,000 left in the machinery and equipment account to pay a portion of the truck, council at the August 5th council meeting gave permission to use Riverboat Revenue Sharing fund to pay the balance of the truck. The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright was instructed to prepare a resolution for an additional appropriation from the Riverboat fund for the next council meeting.

Andrew Briggs from the Bank of Geneva was present to represent Gale and Donna Nidlinger, requesting from the Board of Works members, when the property Nidlinger sold to the City of Decatur, 450 N – Industrial Park III, if all of the property is not sold, then the Nidlinger's would be given an opportunity to purchase the remainder of the property back. By consensus, the board members approved the request.

The Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright requested the interest earned from the city's checking and savings accounts be deposited only in the General fund. For many years the interest has been divided 72% to the General fund, 8% to the Parks & Recreation fund, and 10% to the Police & Fire Pension funds. The Clerk-Treasurer discussed this with the State Board of Accounts and was informed this is not required, all interest earned can be deposited to the General fund. The reason for the request is due to the State will be funding the Police and Fire Pension funds. For the Parks & Recreation fund, if they have any special projects, they are usually paid from either the CCD or CCI fund. The estimated amount of revenue from interest earned to be deposited to the General fund for 2009 would then be \$41,000.00. Karbach made a motion to have the interest earned deposited to the general fund. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Attorney, Tim Baker, prepared bid specifications for farm leases, 600 North and 450 North. Advertisement for bids will be published on Tuesday, September 23 and again on Tuesday, September 30 in the Decatur Daily Democrat. Bid opening will take place at the Board of Works meeting on October 7th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Bids will be read aloud at 6:15 p.m. Appraisals of the properties will need to be done so, Meyer made a motion to appoint Bill Karbach and Bill Whitright to appraise the farm properties. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joan Eichhorn, Storm Water Manager reported the Borum Run Sanitary Sewer Extension Project that was completed and paid part from Storm Water Utility had been informed by the State Board of

Accounts this sanitary sewer project should have been paid from Wastewater Utility instead of Storm Water Utility. Eichhorn reported the Storm Water Board and also the Board of Public Works members approved this to be funded through Storm Water Utility when the project began. The reason for paying for this project with Storm Water monies was due to the illicit discharge which would pertain to Storm Water. The mayor commented he supported this project to be paid from the Storm Water Utility when he served on the Storm Water Board. Meyer made a motion to allow the Borum Run Sanitary Sewer Extension Project to be paid from Storm Water Utility. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joan Eichhorn also informed the board members there are failed septic services at Townsend Tires and five households on 224 East and Ogg Street. The Wastewater and Storm Water Departments would like to install a new sewer line in this area. Eichhorn reported Asst. Wastewater Supt., Verlin Butcher spoke with property owner, Gary Meyer who is willing to allow the city to run the new sewer line across his property to hookup to the existing sewer line. Eichhorn explained this would be a private sewer line, which the city would pay for the new sewer line, but then it would be the property owners expense to maintain the sewer line. The board members had several questions pertaining to this project, so they informed Eichhorn to have Verlin Butcher attend the next Board of Works meeting on October 7th to respond to the questions.

Joan Eichhorn reported on other areas with failed septic systems, High Street, North and South Homstead addition, which the Storm Water and Wastewater Departments would like to correct.

The Storm Water and the Wastewater Departments will be conducting smoke test at the 800 to 900 block area on N. 2nd Street, this will show illegal sewer separations.

The Storm Water Manager is requesting approval to fund the failed septic system projects and also the smoke test, pay half from Storm Water Utility and half from Wastewater Utility. Meyer made a motion to approve funding the projects and the smoke test from Storm Water Utility and Wastewater Utility. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion took place on installing two or three street lights between Decatur Gardens and The Bridge Church. The board members were not sure if this was considered a city street or not. Councilman Bill Crone who attends The Bridge Church was instructed to inquire on who owns this street.

To have more street lighting at the corner of 14th Street & 500 North for children waiting on the school bus was discussed. Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert was instructed to check on the street lighting in that area.

The mayor reported according to IDEM, the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been failing bio toxicity tests. The reason for this may be caused by excessive concentrations of chlorides in Decatur's two drinking water treatment plants. In order to address this issue, Don Morrison of Ecologistics Limited proposes professional services to spend one day reviewing and performing calculations based on the various public documents from the operation and testing at the two water treatment plants. Morrison will also spend one day to observe and make recommendations on the two Water Treatment Plants and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The cost for these two days of professional services will be \$2,400. Karbach made a motion to hire the consultant, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. requested permission to install another street light in Hanna Nuttman Park from common council fund. Meyer made a motion to approve the request, but not to exceed \$1,200. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.