

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 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. 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 September 15th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

Meyer made a motion to make the legal notice for bids for 1981 International Dump Truck, 1975 Jet Sprayer, and 1991 Floater-Field Spreader a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney opened and read the bids aloud.

	<u>Dump Truck</u>	<u>Jet Sprayer</u>	<u>Floater-Field Spreader</u>
Auggie's	\$175.00	None	None
State Line Auto parts, Inc.	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$500.00
Greg Brite	\$326.00	None	\$2,596.00
Mark Banning	\$650.00	None	None

Karbach made a motion to take the bids received under advisement for the Wastewater Asst. Supt., Verlin Butcher to review, and then to make his recommendation at the next Board of Works meeting on October 20th. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roger Gage, Building Supt. was present to inform the Board of Works members the Brooks Arnold property had been purchased by Dorwin Hendricks. The city has approximately \$7,500 in expenses, and has received \$5,100 from Sheriff Sale, which has been deposited into the Unsafe Building Fund. Gage explained the court has accepted the \$5,100, and needs approval from the Board of Works members to accept the \$5,100, and whether or not to pursue further collections on this property. Meyer made a motion to accept the \$5,100 and not to pursue further collections. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Butcher, Wastewater Supt. informed the Board of Works members she received two (2) price quotes for a security system in the new Wastewater Administration building. Butcher remarked she prefers the quote from ADT since it is a wireless system and ADT had the lower price of \$4,100 for installation and \$50 monthly fee. By consensus, the Board members approved the quote from ADT.

Council members, Cook, Crone, Dyer and Engle attended the Board of Works meeting.

The Mayor reported pamphlets are being made to promote Decatur for GM employees to re-locate in Decatur.

The Mayor handed out a sample of a single family, owner-occupied, tax abatement program. This is an example of what other communities are doing to encourage development of new homes. The Mayor also mentioned there are also tax abatement programs to refurbish old homes. The Mayor instructed the Council members to read the information and to contact him for any questions or comments.

The Mayor announced Umbaugh will be meeting with the Department Heads on Tuesday, October 13th at 2:00 p.m. and then give a presentation on the Financial Strategic Plan at the October 20th council meeting.

The Mayor received a request from St. Joseph School to close a portion of 4th Street between the front of the school and the new gym for the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. when school is in session. By consensus, the street closure was approved.

The Mayor announced the Utilities Auditor, Bob Ladd will be retiring; his last working day will be on December 23rd.

From the last Board of Works meeting Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert was instructed to see if it is feasible to have angle parking downtown to allow more parking spaces. Gilbert reported there is not enough room for angle parking downtown.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert is concerned with productivity getting leaf pickup completed and is requesting to purchase another leaf collector machine. Gilbert handed out a quote he received from Brown Equipment Co., Inc. Gilbert explained the quote he received was a demo, and only has 15 hours on it, but has never been used. The quote is for \$39,950, which is \$10,000 less than a new machine. Gilbert also looked into leasing the equipment, and received leasing options too. By consensus, Gilbert was given permission to purchase the machine, but the Storm Water board members were to discuss this purchase at the Storm Water meeting, and then report back at the next Board of Works meeting how to finance this machine.

Jim Hitchcock, Deputy Fire Chief reported a new process has been established in hiring volunteer firefighters. There were eight (8) applicants. The Fire Department recommendation is to hire Darrell Drake. Meyer made a motion to accept the fire departments recommendation. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Hitchcock also requested two (2) quotes for fire gear. The fire department is need of three (3) sets of gear, each costing approximately \$1,700. Hitchcock informed the Board of Works members the fire gear had been budgeted in this year's budget. Karbach made a motion to approve the purchase. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board member, Bill Karbach was instructed to continue pursuing the parking zones and to work with the City Attorney establishing an ordinance. Councilman Dyer suggested increasing the fee for over parking and changing the maximum time from 2 hour parking to 3 hours. No decision was made at this time.

There being no further business, Meyer made a motion for adjournment. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.