

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, October 7, 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 16th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made the legal notice for bids on 450 North & 600 North farm leases a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Karbach and Bill Whitright reviewed and assessed the value to rent 450 North farm lease with 27.6 tillable acres at \$150 per acre, and 600 North farm lease with 51.75 tillable acres at \$80 per acre. Meyer made a motion to make the assessment values to rent a matter of record. Schultz seconded the motion. Bill Karbach abstained, motion carried.

The Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert previously reviewed the bid from Selking International for the sanitation truck chassis in the amount of \$79,610 less trade in of \$15,000, bid amount is \$64,610. Meyer made a motion to accept the bid from Selking International, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor noticed a typing error in the Purchasing Ordinance, which was adopted on July 15th, the bid bond amount reads 100% of the base bid, but should read 10% of the base bid. The City Attorney will prepare an amendment to the ordinance at the next council meeting.

The Mayor reported Councilman, Bill Crone researched Manchester Street, and this street is owned by the city. Building Supt., Roger Gage received two quotes to install three street lights for Manchester Drive. Rorick Electric quoted \$5,155.00, Emrich Electric quoted \$5,600.00. Karbach made a motion to accept Rorick Electric's quote, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Monies have been budgeted in the common council fund for street lights.

Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright handed out a report prepared by Commonwealth Engineers on the Wastewater Improvement Projects. The report shows Thieneman Construction requesting payment #2 in the amount of \$370,911.26. Dave's Excavating requesting payment #2 for \$229,761.30, and Fleming Excavating requesting payment #1 for \$84,633.41. Commonwealth has reviewed these claims and recommends payments to be processed. The Clerk-Treasurer will submit these requests for payment to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program. Also submitted to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program is payment request from Commonwealth for construction engineering and inspections for August totaling \$32,273.00.

Jeff Ponist from Commonwealth Engineers was present to report on the Construction meeting that was held earlier today for the Wastewater Improvement Projects. Ponist reported the Treatment Plant

improvements are going well and are on schedule. The pipe will be installed by the end of November for the CSO project. All projects are running smoothly, and there should be contingency monies left over.

At 6:15 p.m. the City Attorney opened and read the farm lease bids aloud. There were two (2) bids received for 450 North farm Donald Braun bid \$202.90 per acre. Daniel Workinger of Workinger Farms Inc. bid \$151.00 per acre. The acreage on the 450 North farm will be adjusted to 27.03 due to calculation error by the engineering firm when construction work had been done on this property for Industrial Park III. Only one (1) bid was received for 600 North farm from Daniel Workinger of Workinger Farms Inc., in the amount of \$131.00 per acre. Meyer made a motion to accept the highest bid from Donald Braun for the 450 North farm at \$202.90 per acre, and to accept the bid from Daniel Workinger of Workinger Farms Inc., for the 600 North farm at \$131.00 per acre. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried. The mayor will contact the bidders of the results.

Steve Krull, Parks & Recreation Supt. received a lease agreement for Kekionga Lake between the City of Decatur and the State of Indiana acting on behalf of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife. The lease is for a period of four (4) years commencing on January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2013. The lease grants renewal of the lease for an additional four years not exceeding 20 years. The City Attorney will review the lease agreement and report back at the next Board of Works meeting.

Steve Krull requested the Parks Department would like to add additional lighting for the Girl Scout Cabin in Hanna Nuttman Park. Krull has contacted Indiana Michigan Electric who quoted the cost for the additional lighting would be \$1.95 per month. Krull asked permission from the board members to allow Indiana Michigan Electric to add a street tariff for the street lighting. Karbach made a motion to approve the additional lighting. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Krull requested the Parks Department wants to add another sidewalk to connect to the new sidewalk at the Boy Scout Cabin. Krull was instructed to get two (2) quotes, and report back to the board members. Krull was informed there are no more funds available in the sidewalk funds for 2008, he will need to get on the sidewalk list for 2009.

Verlin Butcher, Wastewater Asst. Supt. was present to explain the sewer line his department wants to install to help the Storm Water Department cleanup the environment. Butcher explained the property owner came to him with the sewer problem. His department would install new sewer line which would run on the backside of the houses on Ogg Street and then across Gary Meyer's driveway southwest to Townsend Tire Service on Highway 224 East. There are two property owners, Greg Townsend owning four (4) of the properties, and Gary Meyer owning one property. Butcher explained the city should pay for the separation since this location was missed when the city did sewer separation back in the 80's. The City Attorney, Tim Baker questioned spending city funds on private property. Baker mentioned if this is not an easement, then the city will need an agreement with the owners. Baker will check and see if public funds can be used for a private sewer and report at the next meeting.

Board member, Ken Meyer suggested storm drains to be installed in Anthony Wayne Meadows addition. The mayor informed Meyer the Storm Water Manager is working on this project.

The Mayor received a request from T.J. Clough to hold a Youth Dance on October 31st at Skybox. Clough informed the mayor this dance is sponsored by the Substance Abuse Council and is requesting

support from the city. Police Chief, Ken Ketzler was present and remarked the dance is not open to the public, and is for kids under the age of 18. Clough has contacted the police department to have police officer available. By consensus, the board members will give their support once council member, Charlie Cook contacts Barry Humble for more details.

Police Chief, Ken Ketzler and Deputy Police Chief, Greg Cook were present to answer questions from the board members on hiring a Resource Officer. The mayor had concerns hiring an additional police officer. The mayor remarked in 2010 the city will need to cut back on overtime and charge more for services and discontinue programs due to the property tax reforms. Ketzler commented the officer will be paid through a grant the school has applied for, which will pay \$2,900 per month, or \$35,000 annually for four (4) years. The school will pay the city the annual amount. Ketzler remarked this officer will be working for the Police department when school is not in session. The Clerk-Treasurer was instructed to get the amount for base salary and benefits for an officer of ten (10) years for the next meeting. The board members requested Ketzler and Cook, and to invite Barry Humble and Wylie Sirk to attend the next meeting to continue discussing hiring a Resource Officer.

Alexander Bertsch and Michael Shutt were sworn in on September 17th as Decatur Police Reserve Officers. Meyer made a motion to make their oath of office a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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.