

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2008

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, October 21, 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 October 7th. There were no corrections or amendments offered, so Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as received, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The City Attorney opened and read the salt bids aloud.

Street Salt = Morton Salt - \$86.06/ton, Cargill - No bid
Water Softening Salt = North American Salt - \$94.91/ton

Karbach made a motion to take the bids under advisement for the department heads to review for the next Board of Works meeting. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board members discussed fixing the blister in the passing lane on Winchester Road along the Meadows of Cross Creek addition. Meyer directed the City Attorney to prepare a letter to Ralph Biggs, the developer of the addition to crack seal the blister, which the city will repair, with the understanding that the developer reimburses the city for this expense. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Also discussed was a deed of dedication for the lift station at Meadows of Cross Creek. More research will need to be done to see if this is a possibility.

Meyer made a motion to make the Lien Search on the Brooks Arnold property a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor read Change Order No. A-1 for the Contractor, Thieneman Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project to add replacement of existing primary effluent pump discharge and check valves. Revise new handrails to two rails to match existing. The amount of the change order totals \$22,106.42. Karbach made a motion for the mayor to sign and accept Change Order No. A-1, Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer received payment request for the sewer projects from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. who reviewed the claims for accuracy and recommend payment to be granted for Thieneman Construction, payment #3 for \$416,948.75, Dave's Excavating, payment #3 for \$285,737.20, and Fleming Excavating, payment #2 for \$153,414.63. Also submitted was a request from Commonwealth Engineers for engineering and inspections for the month of September in the amount of \$62,964.00. Karbach made a motion to approve the payments. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Clerk-Treasurer will submit the payment request to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program. The Clerk-

Treasurer also informed the Board of Works members, an invoice for \$844.00 for overtime from Commonwealth was also requested the Clerk-Treasurer will contact Jeff Ponist of Commonwealth to get more information for this payment request.

Councilman Charlie Cook reported on the youth dance, which was discussed at the last Board of Works meeting. Cook reported the Substance Abuse Council is waiting for feedback from the kids to see whether or not they would want to have a dance. By consensus, the board members gave their support for the dance if acceptable by the kids.

The City Attorney explained the lease agreement with DNR for the canoe access site at Kekionga Lake with the board members. Meyer made a motion to approve the lease agreement subject to the City Attorney's review of the agreement. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board of Works members and also the Council members had a discussion with Police Chief, Ken Ketzler and Deputy Police Chief, Greg Cook, along with Barry Humble and Wylie Sirk from North Adams Community Schools in hiring a School Resource Officer through a federal grant. Approximate cost to the city to hire a police officer or an experienced officer, along with an estimated amount of savings in overtime to hire a school resource officer were handed out by the mayor. Humble handed out a job description of a School Resource Officer and also a proposed agreement between the City of Decatur Police Department and North Adams Community Schools. The board members and council were in favor of the School Resource Officer, but questioned whether or not the city will have funds available to pay for this officer. The Police Chief and the Deputy Chief were instructed to return to the next Board of Works meeting on Monday, November 3rd for further discussion.

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.