

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2011

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, November 15, 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 the November 1st meeting. There were no corrections or amendments. Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made a motion to make the legal notice for 2012 salt bids a matter of record. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The City Attorney opened and read the salt bids aloud. The bids received were from:

	<u>Water Treatment Salt</u>	<u>Street Deicing Salt</u>
Morton Salt	\$ 105.34/ton	\$ 65.67/ton
Klink Trucking	-----	\$110.00/ton
Cargill	\$97.79/ton	-----

Detroit Salt submitted a letter stating that they would not be submitting a bid for water treatment salt, but would like to remain on the bidders list for street salt. The legal notice did include both the water treatment and the street salt, but no bid was submitted from Detroit Salt.

Water Supt., Jim Inskeep reviewed the water treatment salt bids, and recommended accepting the bid from Cargill for \$97.79/ton for 2012. Meyer made a motion to accept the low bid from Cargill. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert reviewed the street deicing salt bids, and recommended accepting the bid from Morton for \$65.67/ton for 2012. Karbach made a motion to accept the low bid from Morton Salt. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Coni Mayer, Executive Director of Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), and Greg Mendez a local artist explained the Decatur Sculpture Walk to be held tentatively prior to the Kekionga Festival on August 18-25, 2012. The Sculpture Walk has formed a committee, which consist of, Mayor John Schultz, Coni Mayer, Greg Mendez, Jean Porter-Brune, Kelly Ehinger, and Wes Kuntzman whom all were present at the meeting. The event is to heighten awareness of the arts, to act as a community event to bring people together, provide entertainment for a new audience of our community, and to potentially become a part of economic growth. The Sculpture Walk initially will be located on 2nd Street, with plans to expand to include Monroe Street and 13th Street. The goal is to start with 5-10 sculptures the first year and grow by 3-6 a year. Sculptures will be affixed to concrete bases spaced throughout Decatur on 2nd Street.

A few downtown businesses have already committed to sponsor the cost of a base. When an item is leased or sold, the committee retains 30% of the selling price. This provides funding for the next year's event. Greg Mendez has three (3) sculptures displayed on a walk in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mendez will use his experience to help with details for advertising, judging, and placement. Meyer made a motion to recommend approval of this event to Council. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

David Kinder from Region 3A handed out information to explain a Homeowner Rehabilitation Program. This program is through Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority Grant. Kinder has worked with other cities, such as, Angola, Huntington and Ligonier. This grant allows approximately \$13,000 worth of home improvements to each qualifying home. Scoring is done to choose which homes to improve. Mostly by income, and age of resident must be 55 years or older or disabled. This is not a competitive grant. If the City would agree to this program, it would cost the City \$20,000 to improve 15 houses, \$25,000 for 19 houses, and \$30,000 for 23 houses. The Mayor suggested for the Council members to review the information and the Clerk-Treasurer to see if any money is available, and address this project at the next meeting on December 6th.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert updated the list of 12 right-of-way areas that are jointly owned by the City and County that are in need of maintenance. By consensus, Gilbert was given permission to hire a surveyor to address the jointly owned property.

The Mayor notified the Council members that a two (2) year plan for the CEDIT funds will need to be passed by Ordinance before the end of the year. Currently there is \$150,000 budgeted each year for capital expenditures. This amount was put in the CEDIT plan to allow civil city departments to purchase equipment that is not included in their department budgets. The Mayor received from the Department Heads a list of capital expenditures for 2012, which totaled approximately \$138,000 for 2012. Building Supt., Roger Gage handed out a report on the sidewalk program, which is also included in the CEDIT plan. The report showed how much was spent on sidewalks from 2006 through 2011. Councilman Meyer commented that he would like to see more sidewalk improvements than what has been done in the past. Meyer suggested increasing the amount for the sidewalk program or changing the percentage of what the city is paying towards the sidewalks. The Mayor suggested possibly having each council member select a block in their district that they feel is in need of sidewalk improvements. City Attorney, Tim Baker mentioned the Street Department is required to have a plan in place to install ADA ramps in the city by the end of this year. The CEDIT plan for 2012 and 2013 will be discussed further and an ordinance will be prepared for the next council meeting on December 6th.

City Attorney, Tim Baker asked permission to see if the City wanted to share in the cost with Adams County to clear up the title on the Decatur Casting property. The cost to the City would be approximately \$750 - \$1,000. Karbach made a motion to recommend to Council to help Adams County with funding. Meyer 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 7:30 p.m.