

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, December 15, 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 December 1st, 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.

Karbach made a motion to sign the 2010 Fire Contract with the amendments as approved from the previous meeting. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous. The Board members will review the amount of the fire contracts by June 2010 for the 2011 contracts. The Clerk-Treasurer will mail the 2010 Fire Contract to the Township Trustees to be signed and approved by their Advisory Boards.

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

The Mayor reported he and Board member, Bill Karbach reviewed the Property/Casualty Insurance proposals that were received at the December 1st meeting. The Mayor commented STAR Insurance allowed quoting without Worker's Compensation. First Merchants was the lowest quote for worker's comp., but coverage for Police and Fire was for medical only. Each company quoted different deductibles. In order for each company to quote the same, they were allowed to re-quote with the same deductible amounts. Meyer made a motion to postpone a decision on the insurance until the deductibles can be adjusted, and then hold a special meeting on Monday, December 21st at 4:30 p.m. in the Mayor's office to award the quote. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Myers was present to continue the discussion from the December 1st Council meeting on a utility bill he is disputing. The Mayor suggested a form be completed by landlords on how they want the utility bill handled once a renter has moved out. Myers agreed with this, but still questioned who is responsible for the delinquent utility bill that was put in his name without his consent. After a discussion of who is responsible, Karbach made a motion for the landlord to pay half of the delinquent bill. Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Mayor informed the Council members he relayed to Kevan Biggs council's decision on the Lease/Housing project. The Mayor will not sign the letter to approve the housing project, but has signed a letter approving the rehabilitation of the Village Green Apartments.

The City Attorney explained a Quitclaim Deed and Release from Railroad Properties to the City of Decatur (Decatur Parks & Recreation Dept.) was recorded in October. The delay in the recording was due to delinquent property taxes owed by the railroad. These delinquent taxes have now been waived. This property is now being used as a walking trail (Rivergreenway). An easement was also acquired for this railroad property from Melinda Case, which was also recorded in October. Meyer made a motion to make

the Quitclaim Deed and Easement a matter of record. Karbach seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous.

The City Attorney received outstanding warrants and parking violations from the courts. Deputy Police Chief, Greg Cook will review these. If he receives no responses, the court will dismiss them.

The City Attorney informed the Board of Works members he has sent out letters to customers who have outstanding sewer bills. The majority of these customers were notified last year, but still have not made any attempt to pay. By consensus, the City Attorney was instructed to announce these delinquencies at the council meeting.

A resident from North Pointe questioned the water utility rate increases. The Mayor explained the reason for the increase is to provide revenues to operate and maintain the Water Utility, and to provide payment in lieu of taxes. The North Pointe resident was also invited to attend the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing.

Street Commissioner, Jeremy Gilbert handed out information pertaining to a traffic study and a replacement plan for street signs for the Board of Works and Council members to review and discuss at a future meeting.

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