

CITY OF DECATUR
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety met on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor John Schultz and Board member Bill Karbach, Ken Meyer was absent. 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 January 19th, there were no corrections or amendments offered. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes as emailed, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

For several days a water leak occurred at Piqua Ag Enterprises, which caused a monthly utility bill of \$2,700. Due to the owner of the business not being aware of the leak, Board member, Bill Karbach made a motion to adjust the utility bill to \$500.00, Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

The Clerk-Treasurer checked with other cities and towns, and the State Board of Accounts what amount is required for fix assets to be recorded. The amount ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000, so the Clerk-Treasurer requested to increase the amount for Decatur's fixed assets from \$500 to \$2,500. Schultz made a motion to approve increasing the amount to \$2,500, Karbach seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Schultz announced the City will be receiving Stimulus monies for milling and asphalt to Patterson Street. The City has also applied for Stimulus funds to improve Winchester Street from 5 Points to Line Street, and also Adams Street from 5 Points to 13th Street. The improvements will include replacing sidewalks, curbs, catch basins, milling and asphalt.

A Storm Water project is in the preliminary stages for improvements to Anthony Wayne Meadows addition. The City is applying for Disaster Relief funds to pay for this project. The Mayor will know by June 11th whether or not the city is awarded the grant. The Mayor will keep the Board of Works and Council members informed on the progress of this project.

City Attorney, Tim Baker informed the Board of Works members, and the Council members 40-acres of land is for sale on US Highway 224, owned by Mary Schirack estate. If the City is interested in purchasing the land for economic development, the City will need to pay for two (2) appraisals. The most the City could offer is the average of the two appraisals. Councilman Dyer mentioned Jim Eiting's property, which is near Industrial Park III is also for sale, and the Mayor also mentioned another property near Industrial Park III will be available in the next five years. No decisions were made at this time.

Board of Works member, Ken Meyer attended the meeting.

A discussion on Downtown parking took place. The Mayor handed out a draft ordinance prepared by the City Attorney. Board member, Bill Karbach explained selling parking permits to business owners (no more than 10) for \$10 per month to allow parking all day downtown for business owners and their

employees. All day permits will not be allowed on 2nd Street, 2nd Street will still be monitored for two (2) hour parking. Free parking will continue at 1st Street and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce parking lots. Judges will have permits for jurors. The Parking Control Officer, Beth Heimann will continue to monitor the parking and sell the parking permits. By consensus, over parking after two (2) hours the fine will be increased from \$2 to \$5, and after 48 hours the fine will be increased from \$10 to \$25. If a parking ticket is not paid within thirty (30) days, the fine increases to \$50, plus court costs. If a trial is held, an additional fine of \$100 will be added to the court costs. Also included in this ordinance is designation of snow routes and oversized vehicle parking, which includes snow removal vehicle/equipment. Board of Works members and Council members are to review this ordinance and call the City Attorney for any comments or changes so the ordinance can be introduced at the next council meeting on February 16th.

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.