

Special Meeting
City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
January 10, 2022

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall 172 N. 2nd Street in Council Chambers. Members present were Craig Coshow and Tyler Fullenkamp. Mayor Dan Rickord attended virtually. Also present were City Attorney Anne Razo, Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright, and Utilities Auditor, Kevin Hackman.

Public attendance was Jim Langham from The Berne Witness.

Fullenkamp made a motion to suspend the minutes from the previous meeting. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer noted that the meeting had been properly posted and the media had been notified by email at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

The purpose of the Special meeting was to allow the Utilities Auditor more time to gather information and to continue the discussion from the January 4th Board of Works meeting pertaining to the pros and cons of a proposed Solar Power Project for the East Water Treatment Plant.

Utilities Auditor, Kevin Hackman handed out a comparison chart of a payment summary, assuming year 6 buyout showing Scenario #1: \$400,750 if Congress passes 30% Federal Tax Credit compared to Scenario #2 \$423,750 project payment with a little over a million savings over the course of the project with current State, no changes to Federal Tax Incentive. Hackman provided the members with an expected cash flow from the Project, assuming year 6 buyout, and also a summary of what the payment would be in year 6, year 10, year 20, and year 30 with an optional buyout. Hackman informed the Board members that he questioned the warranty after the 6 years, which he should have an answer from Kokosing by the end of the day.

Hackman informed the Board members that the Net Metering deadline now is July 1, 2022, and if moving forward with the project that there will be maintenance costs within 10 years. The upfront cost to the City for this project would be approximately \$282,000. Hackman will check with the City's financial advisor, Crowe to see if the remaining funds in the 2018 bonds can be used. Hackman handed out a list of possible funding sources, and a list of proposed Water Utility projects to be done in 2022.

Both the City Attorney and Utilities Auditor had talked with Ice Miller who was Bond Counsel for the Water Utility bonds, and recommended a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) contract would be the best option, and most protection for the City. Attorney Razo explained that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be needed, and a Public Hearing scheduled for public comments and both Board of Works and Council would need to approve an Ordinance.

Coshow made a motion to move forward with the proposed Solar project with a BOT contract and direct the City Attorney and Utilities Auditor to prepare the RFP and then for the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for final approval. Fullenkamp seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no other items discussed. Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.