

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
February 21, 2023

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Tyler Fullenkamp and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Anne Razo. Board member, Craig Coshow was absent.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 7, 2023 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7th meeting. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Trent Gamble seeking permission to do some open burning of brush and so forth. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Mr. Gamble to do this one-time open burning. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Police Chief Lennie Corral regarding some recommended incentives for new officers. Chief Corral shared that he had attended the Chiefs' Conference and had talked with surrounding chiefs. It was shared that there is a big concern for smaller departments to maintain officers, especially when higher salaries and more benefits are offered by the larger departments. Chief Corral noted the officers have no incentive to stay with such things as having to serve an entire year before getting any vacation time or waiting a year for \$1,000 increase to their salary, and restructuring longevity pay. Chief Corral shared that recent incentives since he has been Chief are the take-home cars, uniforms, and cell phones. Chief Corral noted with the recent hire of Officer LeMaster there were only four (4) applications. Chief Corral presented his proposal for the Board Members to consider. No action was taken this evening.

John Summers, Captain of the Police Reserves appeared with Chief Lennie Corral regarding the introduction of new SOP for reserve officers to have more training and observation. Captain Summers shared that the program needs to be restructured and shared his proposal included items from other area police departments. The plan includes three (3) phases with each being twelve (12) months. Chief Corral noted there is a Reserve Board which could possibly speed up the process in special circumstances. Summers shared they have pretty much been following the process without having anything written down. By consensus, the Board members took the proposal under advisement until the next meeting.

Next on the agenda was a request from Chief Lennie Corral who is leaving the Department on March 3, 2023 to remain as a Reserve Officer. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Corral to remain as a Reserve Officer following his retirement on March 3, 2023. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The next item to be considered were bids for the 2022-2 Community Crossing Matching Grant (CCMG). Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the publication seeking bids for the CCMG. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Ben Beer, a consultant with USI which assisted with putting the Community Crossing Matching Grant proposal together, and Matt Schultz, City's Asst. Operations Manager appeared before the Board as bids were opened. The Mayor opened the bids and the City Attorney read the bids aloud. With all the bidders completing all necessary forms, the bids were as follows: E & B Paving, \$1,206,978.05; Wayne

Asphalt, \$1,078,607.00; and Brooks Construction, \$1,052,685.36. Fullenkamp made a motion for USI Consultant, Ben Beer to take the bids under advisement and bring recommendations to the March 7, 2023 meeting to be awarded.

Next on the agenda was the opening of bids for street material, equipment, and labor for 2023. Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the publication seeking bids for street material, equipment, and labor. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The bids for street materials, equipment and labor were opened by the Mayor and read aloud by the City Attorney. Bids received were from Fleming Excavating, Wayne Asphalt, and Brook's Construction with City Attorney Anne Razo noting various bids. It was noted all forms necessary had been properly filed with the bids. Fullenkamp made a motion that the bids be taken under advisement for review. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Kevin Hackman, Utility Auditor appeared before the Board seeking acceptance for the agreement with Dixon Engineering for their professional services in helping with setting the bid specs and so forth for the painting of the south water tower located on Line Street. The contract is a one-year agreement at a cost of \$35,600. Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with the agreement with Dixon Engineering. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Utility Auditor Kevin Hackman then sought permission to have Peerless Midwest proceed with needed work on Well #3 for pump and motor issues, and to also clean the well. Hackman noted three (3) other companies had been asked to make a quote with no responses. Peerless Midwest offered to do the repairs and cleaning work for a total of \$66,971.00. Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with hiring Peerless Midwest. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets appeared before the Board seeking permission to donate decommissioned fire equipment that is no longer used by the department to South Adams Community Schools for their Area 18 Fire and Rescue Class. Chief Sheets will make a list of equipment that is being donated now and, in the future, and keep on file and also provide the list to the Clerk-Treasurer's office for their records. Fullenkamp made a motion giving Chief Sheets permission to donate unused and decommissioned fire equipment to South Adams for the Area 18 Fire and Rescue Class. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Certificate of Appointment/Oath of Office for new Police Patrolman Logan LeMaster who was hired February 20, 2023 a matter of record. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Conditional Employment Contract with Police Patrolman Logan LeMaster a matter of record. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:50 P.M.