

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
March 16, 2021

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Timothy Baker.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the March 2, 2021 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was Tony Lothridge, City's Fire Marshal/Asst. Bldg. Supt., regarding code enforcement and penalties for minor, major, and immediate dangerous fire safety hazards and violations. Proposed changes include up to three (3) violation notifications, minor and defined major violations, and a fee schedule after third and final violations of \$25 per minor and \$250 per major violation and a fee of \$250 for situations considered of immediate danger to life safety after the second inspection, and immediate suspension of operations until violations are remedied. Coshow made a motion to allow Lothridge to proceed by sending the proposal to the State and when approved the appropriate ordinance can be presented before City Council. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

A discussion was held regarding not having bid bonds for stone bids that had been rejected at the previous meeting. Coshow made a motion that since the City purchases such a small quantity of stone, a bid bond will not be required and bids will be accepted from Stone Street Quarries, KBL Transport and US Aggregates who did not include a bid bond with their bid. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, appeared before the Board regarding the elevator at City Hall. The State had inspected the elevator last month which resulted in three (3) areas being written up. Schindler Elevator has worked on the elevator and cleaned up the oil on the bottom. Schindler informed Witte that the elevator is very outdated. Schindler estimated the cost to be around \$50,000. Witte noted that the smoke alarms in the elevator room are not hooked up as there is no place to run them as the panel board is too old. Also, the phone in the elevator goes directly to 911, and the fire button no longer work. Witte will continue to do monthly testing and get quotes to update the elevator.

The Mayor announced that the Decatur Main Street has selected seven (7) businesses for the 2021 Façade Program. Businesses to get funding are Yvonne Marie's Antique Mall, E.F. Gass Salon, Oak Room Beauty Lounge, Vinnie's Bar, The Wet Spot, Adams County Historical Society Museum, and ACE 40.8 art gallery.

Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager, and Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the Board to provide an update regarding the progress from the original extension granted by IDEM for the Long Term Control Plan, Sewer System Assessment, Investigation and Remediation. The flow study showed reduced peak flows by 50% from 10.9 to 5.2 million gallons. Bergdall shared that after conversation with Karey Fuelling and Mayor Rickord it was decided to contact IDEM and ask for an extension of time since the agreed order ended on March 1st and the assessment, investigation and remediation of Basins 2 and 3 still need to be completed. Bergdall presented a copy of the letter sent to Karen Wendholt of IDEM which outlined the progress made throughout the City. As a result of a Zoom meeting, IDEM granted the City a three-year extension. It was shared that IDEM representatives seem pleased with the City's progress. Board Members thanked Bergdall, Fuelling, Verlin Butcher, Asst. Supt.

of Wastewater, and Sewage Plant Operator, Tom Barker for their combined efforts. Coshow made a motion to make the IDEM letter a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

It was shared that Shelby Nower, part-time Director of The HIVE, had proposed an Art Release form between the City and the artist to be used to display art work at The HIVE. The artist agrees that The HIVE shall be entitled to a 20% commission, and the artist is responsible for insurance coverage on their art work that is displayed in The HIVE. Coshow made a motion to make the Art Release form to be used between the City and the artist a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. It was noted that Ms. Nower plans to rotate art displays on a monthly basis.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:35 P.M.