

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
May 2, 2023

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on May 2, 2023 at 6:00 at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp then made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the Decatur Board of Public Works & Safety that was held on May 1, 2023. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the notice of publication for the receiving of bids for re-painting and miscellaneous repairs to the south water tower a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

There were seven (7) bids received for the repainting and repairs of the south water tower located on Line Street. Mayor Rickord opened the bids, and City Attorney Razo read the bids aloud. Bids received were as follows: Osseo Construction Company LLC at \$344,500.00; Viking Painting, LLC at \$359,400.00; Seven Brothers Painting, Inc. at \$407,400.00; LC United Painting Company at \$248,000.00; G & L Sandblasting and Painting at \$346,500.00; Fedewa, Inc. at \$239,999.00; and E & L Contractors at \$223,900.00. It was shared that the specs included painting the tower the same color as the tower on Piqua Road, but with the Decatur name. All bids included all the necessary paperwork. Coshow made a motion to have Utilities Auditor, Kevin Hackman take the bids under advisement for Dixon Engineering to review the bids, and then report back at the May 16, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

At the previous meeting, Board members gave approval to hire a lateral for the Decatur Police Department pending PERF approval. Police Chief Kevin Gerber appeared before the Board announcing that he will be hiring a lateral from Geneva, Zachary Hess, as a First-Class Patrolman now that he has been approved by PERF. Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Conditional Employment Contract with Signing Bonus with Zachary Hess a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp then made a motion to approve and authorize Mayor Rickord to sign the Offer of Employment and Lateral Signing Bonus for Zachary Hess in the amount of \$5,000.00, with half being paid within three (3) business days of hire and the other half paid on or about November 8, 2023. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. It was noted that the current salary ordinance will need to be amended to include the lateral pay, which will be presented at tonight's Council meeting.

Police Chief Gerber sought permission to purchase a 2023 Ford Explorer for the Decatur Police Department, and to trade-in the 2017 Ford Taurus Interceptor police car with a trade-in valued at \$7,500 with Kelley Ford. Fullenkamp made a motion to permit Chief Gerber to proceed with the purchase and trade-in. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo shared information regarding the upgrades to the Oakwood Addition Lift Station made by the Adams County Regional Sewer District and the change in billing for approximately 40 customers. With the switchover, a plan needed to be worked out so residents would not be double

billed by the City and the District. Thus, a Memorandum of Agreement was presented noting the City would stop billing at the end of May and then in June 2023, the District shall begin monthly billing to the customers in the Oakwood Addition. The agreement is through the end of 2023, and in the event the District does not anticipate converting service by December 31, 2023, the parties shall review this Agreement and make any revisions or extensions necessary. Coshow made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the District, pending the District's review. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. It was noted that once the District reviews the Agreement, if there are any changes it will be addressed at a future Board of Works meeting.

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

Adjournment was at 6:27 P.M.