

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
June 6, 2023

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

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting. Coshow made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor regarding lead line replacement. He noted that the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) has made funding available up to \$15,000, which is not competitive funding. Hackman handed out the Town of South Whitley's proposal as an example, who had hired DLZ to prepare the scope of work to IFA. This phase will go through maps and water utility records to develop a lead service line replacement program. Coshow made a motion to authorize Hackman to move forward with DLZ Engineering to contract with IFA. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Razo reported that the Adams County Regional Sewer District (ACRSD) has reviewed and signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that was approved by the Decatur Board of Public Works members at the May 2, 2023 meeting. The only request from ACRSD was to change the number of customers from 90 to 89 in the Oakwood addition/lift station. Coshow made a motion to make the change of customers to 89 as requested by the ACRSD and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign the Memorandum of Agreement. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the Board seeking approval to move forward to request bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Outfall 001 Sewer Replacement Project. If approved, the bids will be scheduled to be opened at the July 5th meeting. Coshow made a motion to authorize Fuelling to put the project out for bids. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda were the lease agreement renewals for one (1) year terms for the Otis R. Bowen Center for Human Services, Inc. and The Literacy Alliance, Inc. at the MERIT Center. City Attorney Anne Razo shared that there were no changes in the rental fees, the only changes were with the restructuring of the room numbers at the MERIT Center. Coshow made a motion to authorized Mayor Rickord to sign the lease agreement with the Bowen Center for the term beginning July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Coshow then made a motion to authorize Mayor Rickord to sign the lease agreement renewal with The Literacy Alliance at the MERIT Center for one (1) year for the term of July 15, 2023 to July 14, 2024. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Brad Roe, Asst. Supt. of Building and Zoning to give an update on code enforcement for properties at 316 S. 11th Street, 221 S.12th Street, and 225 S. 12th Street owned by Victoria and Aaron Ellis. The Ellis's were in attendance as they attended the May 16, 2023 meeting and were given until today, June 6, 2023 to complete the work needed to be done and to appear at this evening's meeting for an update. Roe reported that an inspection of the property this morning showed little work had been done. Roe explained that tires and trash containers are still on the property, damage to roof and

dilapidation of building, expired license plate on truck and weeds overgrown. Aaron Ellis stated that before the meeting he had spent hours cleaning the properties, and handed out photos of what he has completed. He mentioned that the truck is now plated, weeds cleaned up, and trailer is gone. Roe will re-evaluate the property again tomorrow. Building and Zoning Supt., Curt Witte asked the Ellis's if he could do an interior inspection of the building, and the Ellis's responded no. The City Attorney mentioned that the City can get an inspection warrant. The Mayor reminded the Ellis's that they need to follow the City's ordinances.

The second area regarding code enforcement was located at 804 Schirmeyer, owned by Gary Meyer, William and Kylie Harvey. Brad Roe, Asst. Supt. of Building and Zoning noted that the Building Department did not request her to be present at the meeting. Roe mentioned that the property had been cleaned up a year ago, but is now getting back to accumulating rubbish. Kylie Harvey was in attendance and noted she is trying to get things cleaned up and the only thing not done is the area by the easement, and is trying to find someone to tear down the shed. It was noted there was a burn barrel on the property and city ordinance does not allow burning in the City. Mrs. Harvey noted the burn barrel has never been used and is full of various items. The Mayor informed Mrs. Harvey that the City is looking into who owns the property in the right-of-way and will let her know soon. Roe will inspect and clarify that the property is being cleaned up tomorrow, and Mrs. Harvey agreed to continue to work with the Building Dept.

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

Adjournment was at 6:35 P.M.