

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
August 1, 2023

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on August 1, 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 July 18, 2023 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was the Interlocal Agreement with the County regarding the MERIT Center for the Council on Aging for land acquisition and long-term lease. City Attorney Anne Razo shared that she has been working with the County's attorney, Clayton Lengerich, and noted some suggested revisions such as the room numbers, which have been changed since the original agreement. Also, other revisions to include which lots need to be surveyed, and permit the County shared use of common adjacent entrance and parking lot. Council on Aging is wanting to use another room, which there will be a rental fee included for that space. It was discussed to also include in the agreement if the Council on Aging doesn't provide the administrative services then there will be a rental fee for the space they are currently occupying. Coshow made a motion to approve the City Attorney's suggested revisions to the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County regarding the MERIT Center land acquisition and long-term lease with the Council on Aging, and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign such agreement. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. City Attorney Razo noted the agreement would now be sent to the County for approval.

Next on the agenda was Building and Zoning Superintendent, Curt Witte regarding a code enforcement issue at 516 Niblick Street. Photos of the property were provided to the Board members. Witte reported that his department has had a history with this property as there has been numerous owners, with the current owner living in Lexington, South Carolina. Witte noted several problems including such things as poor housing conditions, failure to maintain the yard, weeds, and building materials piled up in the back yard, and an open window on the second floor. Witte mentioned that a building permit had been issued, but because of work not included under the permit and no efforts to gain any inspections, a stop work order had been issued. A notice to abate had been sent on June 27, 2023 with follow up on July 19, 2023. With no improvement, the owner was sent notice to appear at tonight's meeting but failed to show. Witte noted he was seeking permission to go in and abate the nuisance or have legal action. Coshow made a motion to go on the property to abate the nuisance for the rubbish outside (trash and debris) and then bill the owner for the expense. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Fullenkamp then made a motion to allow for Witte's Department to close up the holes on the house to avoid animals entering the home. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 6:28 P.M.