

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
August 3, 2021

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. Members Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp and Mayor Dan Rickord were present. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Timothy Baker

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes of the July 20, 2021 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda regarded seeking support for Project 4 as proposed by the Adams County Regional Sewer District (ACRSD). Barry Scherer, Director of the ACRSD and Ben Adams of Commonwealth Engineers sought preliminary indication concerning the acceptance of sewage from the ACRSD's Project 4. There is a potential of 320 homes to be connected. The entire Project 4 is dependent on receiving grant funding. A map was shown of the areas that are being considered to be added; Sunnybrook addition-CR 100W-CR 200W, Clem's Lake South – US 224, Magley – CR 600W, and NW Winchester Road – CR 200W. Another possibility in the future would be the Oakwood (formerly Yost Woods) addition fringe – CR 300N. Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent noted that the plant has the capacity to handle the 9% that would be added with the new connections. Ben Adams informed the Board that the original agreement would need to be amended if Project 4 receives grant funding. Both Fuelling & Don Bergdall, Civil Infrastructure Manager approved Project 4. Coshow made a motion approving ACRSD to move forward with Project 4 pending funding being received from the State. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the Conditional Employment Contract and the Certificate of Appointment/Oath of Office for the new firefighter Bryan Braun who was hired on July 27, 2021 a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to approve Fire Chief Les Marckel's recommendation to hire two (2) new volunteer firefighters, Nathaniel Stimpson and Landon Hummer. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager appeared before the Board regarding a softball field for the Men's Softball League. Gilbert shared that with the work on the REV Sports Complex, there was not room for a seventh field which would have been used by the Men's Softball League. Gilbert had suggested the men try the McMillen and Kekionga Fields, which Gilbert encouraged the Kekionga Field. The Kekionga field did have lights many years ago, but were removed. Since this is in a flood area, will need to get approval before putting the lights back up. Gilbert had met with Christopher B. Burke Engineering and Rod Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission. Renkenberger is willing to work with the Department of Homeland Security to learn what needs to be done in order to move forward with this project. Gilbert received a proposal from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LLC for planning and permitting assistance on this project in the amount of \$11,500. Gilbert informed the Board that the League members have offered to help with construction and construction costs. The first step is to get DNR's approval. Gilbert and Mayor Rickord have met with DNR representatives and they seemed to be open to the project. Coshow made a motion to recommend to Council that the City proceed with the engineering services for the Kekionga Softball field at Kekionga Park at a cost of \$11,500. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor appeared before the Board seeking permission to write off 5-year old delinquent utility accounts which totaled \$16,048.07. The total write off amounts had been decreasing as a result of the City's work and ordinances, but the State Legislature made the local ordinance illegal. Hackman noted that over 90% of those who were behind because of COVID-19 have been paid in full. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow for Hackman to write off the 5-year old delinquent accounts. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent appeared before the Board with three (3) sealed quotes for possibly updating the elevator in City Hall. Quotes were received of \$89,900 from American Elevator of Anderson, Indiana, \$94,883 from Otis Elevator out of Indianapolis, Indiana, and \$83,172 from Schindler Elevator out of Holland, Ohio. Schindler Elevator also noted a payment schedule of \$1,746.61 monthly for 60 months. Fullenkamp made a motion to take the quotes under advisement for Witte to review. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief Lennie Corral and Officer Andrew Elwell appeared before the Board regarding a 1033 Federal Program. Officer Elwell, who is in the military, learned of the 1033 Program offered through the Department of Defense (DOD) which offers free ammunition to various entities as long as they pay \$.15 per round for shipping. The cost of ammunition, as per Chief Corral, has increased greatly. There is no cost for the ammunition only the shipping cost, which is estimated to be \$1,300-\$1,400. Officer Elwell informed the Board that the ammunition can only be used for training, and will need Council's approval for the Decatur Police Department to be in this program. Coshow made a motion to recommend to the Council accepting enrollment of the Police Department into the 1033 Program as provided by the DOD. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Tim Baker shared he has been working with American Structurepoint regarding the 5-Points Project.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make the resignation letter from Public Works employee, Derrick Cannon a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

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 7:05 P.M.