

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
November 1, 2022

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on November 1, 2022 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 October 25, 2022 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was an update regarding various code enforcement violations. The presentation was made by Brad Roe, Assistant Superintendent of the Building and Zoning Department and Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent. The first issue was for 1017 Mercer Avenue, owner Rose Combs. Roe noted the first call for excessive weeds and vegetation was received on May 23, 2022. The notice to abate was sent on May 24, 2022. The location was checked from time to time and showed some progress. However, a call was made on October 11, 2022 reporting excessive weeds and vegetation. Ms. Combs was present at this evening's meeting and shared she would promise to get things cleaned up and Witte encouraged her to keep in contact with his Department regarding her status. Mr. Roe told Ms. Combs that there is help available for people with hardships. Ms. Combs asked for the phone number in order to keep in contact. Mayor Rickord stressed the need to keep in contact which would avoid having to appear before the Board.

The second code enforcement violation was for 220 Stratton Way which is owned by Keith Schultz. The call was first received on June 20, 2022 for excess weeds, vegetation, and rubbish. A second complaint for the same issues was received on September 23, 2022. No action was taken at either time and a notice to appear at tonight's Board meeting was sent on October 17, 2022. As of today, it was noted, no changes were made. It was shared that Mr. Geimer had mowed the area and stopped because of a great amount of poison ivy. Mr. Schultz did not appear for tonight's meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to give Mr. Schultz seven (7) days to abate the issue and if no action is taken following the seven (7) days a fine of \$100 per day will be imposed for days eight (8) through fourteen (14). If no action is taken after the fourteen (14) days, the City will go in and clean up the property and invoice the owner for the work done. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The third concern expressed by Building and Zoning Superintendent, Curt Witte was for 416 S. 5th Street. Witte sought permission to allow the City to demolish the home. The owners, Thomas and Jessica Lough have agreed to pay the cost of the disposal. It was noted the Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert had provided an estimate of the cost to demolish the home to Mr. and Mrs. Lough. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Witte to proceed with the demolition of the home at 415 S. 5th Street. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the board seeking approval to add a stairway for the filter housing at the sewage treatment plant. Fuelling noted she would like to do something on a more permanent basis rather than using a ladder. Quotes for aluminum and for a stainless-steel material were provided from Universal Metalcraft, Inc., Decatur. Cost for the aluminum material is \$19,684.00 and for the stainless-steel material, the quote was \$22,148.00. It was noted the aluminum materials were used at other locations and worked well. Fullenkamp asked about using a lift and it was noted that would not work in that crowded area. Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with the

aluminum materials at a cost of \$19,684.00. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. This project will be paid from the Sewage Operating fund.

Next on the agenda was the opening of the sealed quotes for softening salt for 2023. The Clerk-Treasurer had sent letters to five (5) companies, four (4) quotes were received, only RBS d/b/a Graham Feed did not respond. Quotes were for 1,500 tons of salt. The Mayor opened the quotes, and the City Attorney read the quotes aloud. The quotes were from Cargill at \$135 per ton, Morton Salt for \$302.52 per ton, Mid-American Salt, LLC at \$133.25 per ton, and Midwest Salt at \$189.35 per ton. Asst. Water Supt, Bill Carpenter noted that Mid-American Salt is the current supplier and has been a good company to work with. Coshow made a motion to accept the lowest quote of \$133.25 from Mid-American Salt, LLC. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright mentioned that the motion regarding the quote for the dog park from R&C Fence had been approved at the October 25, 2022 meeting depending on verification from Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert that two (2) quotes had been sought. Gilbert then shared that he had also sought a quote from H&H Fencing in Monroe and even gave them additional time but they did not provide a quote. Gilbert commented that he felt the cost from R&C Fence was reasonable.

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 6:37 P.M.