

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
May 5, 2026

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Tyler Fullenkamp, Craig Coshow, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 21, 2026 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of April 21, 2026 as emailed. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Wastewater Superintendent Karey Fuelling seeking approval to proceed with the installation of a new control panel and add an 18" high extension in the Deer Run area as part of the city's wastewater system. The cost of the installation of the panel is \$4515 and the cost for raising the extension to get the equipment out of the water would be \$13,855 with the work being done by Indiana Pump Works, LLC. Fuelling noted that a second quote request was made, but the vendor was unable to quote the project due to the material being hard to come by. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the panel installation and the raising of the bed at a cost not to exceed \$18,370. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the Township Contracts for fire protection. Township Trustees Fred Kunkel and Corey Affolder were present. Fire Chief Jeff Sheets had prepared a report of the total runs in the City and for each Township: Root, Union, St. Mary's, and Washington. Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman had prepared a summary for each Township with increases from 9%, 9.5%, 10%, 10.5%, and 11%. It was shared the City started looking at the fairness of the charges to the Townships as compared to the City last year with the purchase of a new truck. Discussions will continue as the work begins on the 2027 Budget.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets sought permission to begin the hiring process regarding the resignation of an on-call firefighter he reported at the April 21, 2026 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Sheets to proceed with the hiring process to fill the vacancy regarding the on-call firefighter members. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fire Chief Sheets next sought permission to add a chaplain which would be a non-paid position. However, Chief Sheets asked that the chaplain be included on the City's liability insurance. Fullenkamp made a motion for Chief Sheets to proceed with the hiring of a chaplain for the Department. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The last item on the agenda was brought forth by City Attorney Anne Razo regarding the renewal of the lease for Boundless Childcare an affiliate of the Boundless Church of the Nazarene at the MERIT Center. It is a 12-month lease instead of a 3-year lease. The rate would remain at \$5.25 per square foot for an annual rate of \$31,809.75. Coshow made a motion to renew the lease and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being nothing else to bring before the Board, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:23 p.m.