

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
February 3, 2026

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on Tuesday, February 3, 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 Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of January 20, 2026 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was an update regarding two code enforcement issues. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, first noted the 1034 Parkview Drive issue, noting it is going through the process for demolition. Witte shared once contacts are finalized with the US Department of Agriculture, which had financed loans for the home, a tentative deadline for demolition will be after the end of this month.

Regarding the Code Enforcement issue for the house at 728 Schirmeyer Street which had suffered major damage by a fire, Witte shared the property is listed for a Sheriff's sale in March. Thus, the City will wait to see how the sale goes.

Next on the agenda was the mediation agreement for the Wastewater Department that was discussed in an earlier Executive Session. Coshow made a motion to approve and sign the mediation document. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the swearing in of Kobey Eaton as a member of the Decatur Police Department. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the Conditional Employment Contract for Kobey Eaton with the Police Department. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Police Chief Kevin Gerber shared that as a result of permission granted at the previous Board meeting, he wished to hire Trevor J. Newman to replace Assistant Police Chief Brite who will be retiring on June 18, 2026. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the hiring of Trevor J. Newman as a member of the Decatur Police Department. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Chief Gerber shared he hopes to get Officer Newman into the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as soon as possible.

Matt Schultz, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, sought permission to hire a replacement for Christopher Jones who resigned from the Department to become a City Fireman. Fullenkamp made a motion to permit Schultz to proceed with the hiring process to fill the vacancy created by the Christopher Jones resignation. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Street/Sanitation Superintendent Matt Schultz also shared the desire to create two crew leaders and each crew would have at least 6 employees. Schultz noted the department already has one crew leader, and he will name the second one in the near future. It was also noted an additional employee was needed for the department. Coshow made a motion to permit Schultz to proceed with the hiring policy. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord thanked the employees for working so well together with the recent snow fall and main breaks.

The next item on the agenda was the Wildman Company which provides clothing for the employees. Coshow made a motion to approve the Wildman Service Contract and authorized Matt Schultz, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, to sign the contract. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord shared the contract with Vialytics which had been approved at the January 20, 2026 Council meeting was ready to be signed. Coshow made a motion to authorize Mayor Rickord to sign the contract with Vialytics. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Brightspeed made a change of service to the Elm St. building. The change resulted in a decrease of cost to the City. Coshow made a motion to make the Brightspeed Service Order a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman shared the signed fire contract with Washington Township for fire protection had been received at the new rate of \$29,875.60. Coshow made a motion to make the reception of the Washington Township contract at \$29,875.60 a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make the Certificates of Appointment to the Decatur Fire department for Christopher Jones and Lucas Juengel a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo shared she had been working with Clerk-Treasurer Hackman regarding various vehicles that needed to be declared as surplus. Resolution 2026-1, a resolution to declare the vehicles surplus equipment to be sold via auction, was brought forth. Coshow made a motion to introduce Resolution 2026-1 by short title only. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion passed and Attorney Razo read Resolution 2026-1 by short title only. Coshow made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1. 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 6:25 p.m.