

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
February 17, 2026

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on Tuesday, February 17, 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 February 3, 2026 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of February 3, 2026 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 3, 2026 Executive Session. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Executive Session as emailed. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Fire Chief Jeff Sheets seeking permission to hire Jacob Baumann as a paid-on-call fireman to replace Christopher Jones who had resigned as a paid-on-call firemen. Fullenkamp made a motion to permit Chief Sheets to hire Jacob Baumann as a paid-on-call fireman. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets presented quotes for fire hose for the aerial truck. Chief Sheets recommended the quote of \$8,943.20 from Nowak Supply, Fort Wayne as he noted the warranty with Nowak Supply was longer than the hose quote of \$8,880 from Van Wert Fire Service, Inc. Other quotes were \$10,212.00 from Fire Service, Inc., and \$13,990 from Van Wert Fire Equipment Company. Coshow made a motion to accept Chief Sheet's recommendation of the \$8,943.20 quote from Nowak Supply, Fort Wayne. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda were three township fire contracts.

Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the contract from Root Township for an annual fee of \$38,117.14. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the contract from St. Mary's Township for an annual fee of \$18,543.48. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the contract from Union Township for an annual fee of \$16,483.09. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the publication of the request for bids for street materials, equipment, and labor. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The bids for street materials, equipment, and labor were opened. Bids were received from KBL Transport of Portland, Stone Street Quarries of Poe, Wayne Asphalt of Fort Wayne, and Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne. It was shared there were a variety of items bid, and City Attorney Anne Razo shared these bids were responsive and responsible bids. Coshow made a motion for Street/Sanitation Superintendent Matt Schultz to take the bids under advisement and report at the next meeting on March 3, 2026. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. A bid was not read aloud as a question as to whether it was a responsive and responsible bidder. Attorney Razo will report back next meeting prior to acceptance of any and all bids.

Resolution 2026-1, a resolution adopted on February 3, 2026 regarding the designation of various vehicles as surplus equipment, was brought forth with an amendment as there was some overlapping of various information. Coshow made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1 as amended. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The 2026 Service Agreement with Adams County Economic Development Corporation (ACEDC) was brought forth noting the City's share was \$70,522.53 which would be paid in two payments. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the agreement with the ACEDC at \$70,522.53 to be paid in two payments and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign the agreement. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Matt Schultz, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, shared he had hired a second crew leader by moving Matt Wilder into the position. Schultz shared he is still looking to hire two street department employees. The posting of the position will be made public this week.

Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman shared the New Guidelines for Post-Accident/Injury Treatment which outlined the process for any accident/injury involving a city vehicle or city equipment and any accident/injury requiring immediate medical attention. Coshow made a motion to approve the Guidelines. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 6:35 p.m.