

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
March 4, 2025

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on March 4, 2025 at 6:00 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 Kevin Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of February 18, 2025 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber to discuss the US Department of Justice CHP Program. The program is a grant program with funding up to \$125,000 over a three-year period for a new police officer position. CHP funding would cover up to 75% of the entry level salary and fringe benefits for each approved position for a three-year funding period. It was noted the funding would not meet the current salary costs. Chief Gerber noted he was seeking permission to pursue the program by making application for the grant and it was shared that even if the grant is given to the City, the City would not be mandated to participate. Coshow made a motion to allow Chief Gerber to proceed with making an application for the CHP Program. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, appeared before the Board regarding a 2025 Crack Sealing quote from Pavement Solutions. Gilbert shared that with all municipalities in the County participating, the cost per square yard would be \$.44, the same as last year. Gilbert shared plans are to do about 113,600 square yards of sealing at a cost around \$55,000. Coshow made a motion to accept the proposal from Pavement Solutions of \$.44 per square yard. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was the opening of bids for street materials, equipment, and labor. Coshow made the advertisement for bids a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Four bidders who included all the necessary paperwork were Brooks Construction, Inc., Wayne Asphalt, Fleming Excavating, Inc., and Stone Street. Luginbill Excavating submitted an incomplete bid, therefore it was rejected. Coshow made a motion to take the four complete bids under advisement in order to fully compare the items. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

It was shared the fire contracts from Union Township (\$10,608.20) and St. Mary's Township (\$11,934.23) had been received. Coshow made a motion to accept the two contracts. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the letter of resignation from the Water Department from Greg Peterson effective on February 21, 2025. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The final item on the agenda was a discussion over fire apparatus. Fire Chief Jeff Sheets appeared before the Board to start a discussion over the possibility of replacing an engine truck that has been in service since 2002 and has developed a frame problem as a result of rust issues. Also discussed was the aerial fire truck which has been in service for 30 years. It was shared that to replace the aerial truck there would be a cost of approximately \$2.7 million. Chief Sheets shared that if he was authorized to proceed with an order of a new truck it would likely not be delivered until 2029 as there is a four-year wait time. Sheets shared that the first Monday of each month Pierce Company releases a stock line list of available trucks. However, it was noted that by the time the sales rep that works with Decatur called about the sale, the four trucks offered had already been taken. Financial concerns were expressed and Clerk-Treasurer

Kevin Hackman noted there are possible financial options and Mayor Rickord noted tax income is in limbo with the current legislative session. Hackman noted he would check with locals banks regarding funding and noted this is just a starting discussion.

Thus, with there being no other business on the agenda, Coshow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:39 P.M.