

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
April 15, 2025

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on April 15, 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 phone.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes form the April 1, 2025 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of April 1, 2025 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first and item on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber seeking permission to move Officers Collier and Roby from probationary status. Coshow made a motion to move Officers Collier and Roby from probationary status. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Fire Chief Jeff Sheets seeking permission to hire paid on call firefighters for three openings. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow for Chief Sheets to hire three paid on call firefighters. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Chief Sheets then made a recommendation to lower the hiring age from 21 to 18 for paid on call firefighters. Chief Sheets shared other departments in the area are already at that age. Fullenkamp made a motion to lower the age from 21 to 18 to hire paid on call firefighters. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion regarding the purchase of an aerial fire truck. It was noted that waiting will simply recognize an increase in cost. With the normal lengthy process, Decatur is fortunate to be working with the McQueen Company, the dealer for the Pierce Fire Truck brand. As a result of a stock slot from the manufacturer, it could bring a new aerial truck to the specifications of the Decatur Fire Department within a year. The McQueen Company was able to secure one of the monthly stock units until early May for Decatur. It was shared the price would see an increase of 2% as of May 12, 2025. It was shared that \$227,000 is available from the Fire Vehicle Fund for the down payment. Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman noted one way to finance is through debt service over a period of seven years which would roughly be \$400,000 a year. Following discussion, Coshow made a motion to move forward with the purchase pending City Council approval. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Michelle Lengerich, Director of Adams County's Council on Aging, appeared before the Board seeking permission to apply for a United Way grant to upgrade the courtyard area at the MERIT Center. Ms. Lengerich outlined the plan and noted the area would be named the Braun and Myers Courtyard Memorial Garden. Fullenkamp made a motion for Ms. Lengerich to proceed seeking a grant to upgrade the courtyard at the MERIT Center. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

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 6:35P.M.