

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
April 21, 2026

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Tyler Fullenkamp and Mayor Rickord. Craig Coshow was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 7, 2026 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of April 7, 2026 as emailed. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 15, 2026 Executive Session meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Executive Session meeting as emailed. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the April 15, 2026 Special Meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 15, 2026 Special Meeting as emailed. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Fire Chief Jeff Sheet regarding a letter of resignation effective on April 1, 2026 from Landon Hummer. Fullenkamp made a motion to make the resignation letter from firefighter Landon Hummer a matter of record. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Chief Sheets then noted the radio tower had been damaged during a recent wind storm. Chief Sheets shared that J&K Communications would erect the new tower at a cost of \$76,951.27. It was shared the insurance deductible amount is \$25,000. Thus, Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with the repair by paying the \$25,000 for the insurance deductible amount. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Sheets to sign the contract with J&K Communications. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Chief Sheets shared he had Indiana-Ohio Roofing check the roofing at the fire station. He shared they recommended checking the roofing twice a year since it was 20 years old. It was noted no action was needed as the Chief could deal with the issue as the cost was within the amount he could authorize.

In a related issue, Chief Sheets shared a tree had blown down recently in the Safety Park and two of the mini-houses had been damaged.

Next on the agenda, Chief Sheets shared a revised Conditional Employment Contract that updated wording regarding a firefighter that resigns but remains as a paid-on-call firefighter. Fullenkamp approved the revised Conditional Employment Contract. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Utilities Auditor, Erin Heyerly, who shared Decatur will be getting an inspection of its Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency at no cost. The inspection is a requirement for the Water Improvements SRF funding. Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with this free risk assessment. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion passed.

Matt Schultz, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, and Beth Johnson of USI appeared before the Board to report that the USI firm will be assisting the City in applying for a Community Crossing Matching Grant to repave seven streets in 2027. The projected cost is \$45,000. Schultz shared that four of the streets will have water line improvements concluded prior to the repaving work. Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed and authorization to sign the agreement with USI. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion passed.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the proper public notice of the Executive and Special Session Meetings of the Board of Public Works and Safety on April 15, 2026. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman shared that at the May 5, 2026 meeting the Fire Contracts with the Townships will be discussed and noted she will be reaching out to the Township Trustees to make them aware of the discussions.

Two condemnation issues were next considered. Building and Zoning Superintendent Curt Witte first sought permission to proceed with the condemnation process for the home at 728 Schirmeyer Street which had been in disrepair since 2020. It suffered a fire in 2025 and was gutted. The home had been up for tax sale by Adams County and there had been no buyer. Witte noted the owner of the house is a Florida company. It was shared the condemnation procedure will give the owner 60 days to fix the house up or remove it. Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with the condemnation process. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion passed.

The second site is 611 Winchester Street, and it was shared that the City had been told someone wanted to purchase the home and build another one on the site. However, that plan fell through. The building has window damage, the foundation is caving in and sinking, and it is deemed "unsafe." Fullenkamp made a motion to proceed with the condemnation process for 611 Winchester Street. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

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

Adjournment was at 6:32 p.m.