

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
May 7, 2024

City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on May 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm 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 April 16, 2024 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 16, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Wastewater Superintendent Karey Fuelling to consider the options to repair or purchase pumps at the Monmouth Road lift station. She informed the group that the average pump lasts 7-10 years and the current pump has been refurbished already. A quote was presented from BBC Pump and Equipment for the purchase of 2 Fairbanks pumps at the cost of \$49,042.00. Another quote was presented from American Pump Repair & Service to repair at \$22,557.00 or purchase \$45,316.00. Fuelling recommended we pursue the BBC quote as this is the current vendor the city uses. Coshow made a motion to move forward with the BBC quote and Fullenkamp seconded, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion about Phase 4 of the Cross Creek subdivision. The 8-11 northernmost lots will not have enough fall to tie into the existing sanitary sewers via gravity. Kevin McDermit with Loughheed & Associates, who is the engineer for the developer, was in attendance. McDermit and Wastewater Superintendent Karey Fuelling discussed options that included those 8-11 homes gravity fed into the existing line owned by the Adams County Regional Sewer District (ACRSD) on 750 N. A second option would be to have the developer install grinder pumps at each of the 8-11 homes and pump the sewage to an existing sewer. The third option would be to install a lift station at the approximate cost of \$250,000. City Attorney Anne Razo commented that if these homes are included in the ACRSD that it would need to be disclosed to homeowners and recorded. The Plan Commission met earlier in the evening and gave preliminary plat approval to move forward with the plan. Fullenkamp made comment that he is okay with plans to design the sewer to gravity feed to the ACRSD, but would like an update when the exact number of homes to be connected is known.

Police Chief Kevin Gerber requested permission to move Officer Zach Hess off probation as he will be with the City one year on May 8, 2024. Chief Gerber noted that there will be no change in pay. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the request. Seconded by Coshow and the motion was approved.

Gerber also informed the board that Officer Andrew Elwell will be replacing Officer Trent Busse as the new NACS SRO Officer. He will train with Police Dog Koda for approximately 3-4 weeks, then attend SRO training in July, before school starts in August.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets noted he had completed the hiring process and asked for permission to hire 2 paid on call firefighters. Tony Heiser and Christopher Jones are currently on staff as volunteers with other local departments and will require little training. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Sheets to hire Heiser and Jones. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Operations Manager Jeremy Gilbert addressed the Board regarding the project at the intersection of 13th Street and Winchester St. This is Phase 3 of the Redevelopment Commission project which will include signalization and handicap ramps at all 4 corners. Gilbert noted that due to the nature of the project sealed quotes were requested. Quotes are as follows:

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| 1. Milestone (ramps only) \$109,412.77 | 2. Brooks (ramps & signals) \$212,231.00 |
| 3. Michiana (signals only) \$56,745.00 | 4. Schambaugh (signals only) \$59,879.50 |

Gilbert informed the group that Phase 4 will include pedestrian walkways from Ace Hardware to Walmart. Gilbert asked that the quotes be taken under advisement so he is able to review, and make a recommendation at the next meeting. Coshow made a motion to take the quotes under advisement. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Hackman presented to the board a new one-year rental agreement for North East Indiana Works. The new lease agreement is for a 495 square foot room at the Merit Center, in the amount of \$2475 per year. Coshow made a motion to accept the lease agreement and have the Mayor sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Hackman next presented the board with the 2024 fire contract from St. Mary's Township. The 2024 contract amount is for \$10,763.18. Coshow made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Building and Planning Superintendent Curt Witte asked the board permission to demo a garage at 1025 Schirmeyer Street. Invoices for the demo will be sent to the registered owner and the bank listed, if payment is not received, a lien will be placed on the property. Coshow made a motion to order the demolition. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:56 pm.