

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
October 28, 2025

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on October 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the October 7, 2025 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of October 7, 2025 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the required publication regarding the meeting date change from October 21, 2025 to October 28, 2025. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fire Chief Jeff Sheets appeared before the Board to discuss the promotion of Fireman Heath Fullenkamp to Training Captain. Mayor Rickord made a motion to approve the promotion of Heath Fullenkamp to Training Captain. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed with Fullenkamp abstaining.

Next on the agenda was the cleaning contract for the MERIT Center with Spiffy Clean. City Attorney Anne Razo presented the contract noting the maximum number of hours being 20 hours per week at the rate of \$30 per hour with no services changed. Coshow made a motion to approve the new cleaning contract for the MERIT Center and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

At 6:15 p.m. Coshow made a motion to suspend the Board of Works meeting and open a Public Hearing which had been advertised regarding the demolition at 1034 Parkview Drive in Decatur. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo explained the reason for the Public Hearing being the possible demolition order for 1034 Parkview Drive which has 4 individuals with interest in the property. Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, then explained the process regarding the length of time this property had been considered for abatement regarding trash and the decomposition of the home. The Public Hearing was necessary this evening as all of the four individuals with interest needed to be properly notified of the Public Hearing. At the September 16, 2025 meeting, Witte noted he had talked with Ruben Soto, Jr., son of the deceased owner, and asked for the addresses of the three other individuals with interest so they could be properly notified of this evening's Public Hearing. It was noted the purpose of this evening's Public Hearing was not so much for the public, but for the members of the family to weigh in. Following Witte's summary, Coshow made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to reconvene the Board of Works Meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to move forward with the demolition of 1034 Parkview Drive 14 days after proper notification. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted and City Attorney Anne Razo will prepare the appropriate notifications.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent, appeared before the Board seeking permission to purchase a wastewater sampler from GRIPP, Inc., Westfield, Indiana, at a cost of \$12,147. Fuelling noted the current sampler, which is over 20 years old, could be repaired for \$5,144, but she would recommend the purchase of the new sampler at \$12,147. The new sampler would match the two currently at the plant. Coshow made a motion

to proceed with the purchase of the new sampler at \$12,147 from GRIPP Inc. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Ms. Fuelling then brought up the request from the Adams County Regional Sewer District (ACRSD) to add their Project #6 homes to the Decatur wastewater plant. Fuelling shared the subject needed to be considered as the law requires that when the plant capacity hits 90%, IDEM requires a plant expansion. The wastewater plant is not at the 90% yet, and it is unknown when that might happen, but Fuelling felt the future need should be taken under consideration. The proposed ACRSD contract requires 12.3% of the Decatur wastewater plant capacity. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the addition of more homes and perhaps the County needing to have more involvement. With there being a comfortable cushion currently, Coshow made a motion to proceed with authorization for ACRSD's Project #6. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Coshow made a motion to authorize Mayor Rickord to sign the capacity certification. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow then made a motion to accept the amended contract with Commonwealth for the water line replacement project and authorized Mayor Rickord and Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was the opening and reading of the salt quotes. Two quotes were received as follows: Mid-American Salt at \$129.88 per ton and Morton Salt at \$122.50 per ton. Coshow made a motion to take the quotes under advisement. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, appeared before the Board seeking approval to accept an amended agreement with Ordinal Technologies, Inc. He noted there is no additional cost and would include Ordinal Connect, a public version of Ordinal that could be put on the City's website. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the changes in the contract with Ordinal at no additional cost. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Erin Heyerly, Utilities Auditor, appeared before the Board asking for approval to renew an agreement with Accruent. The 1-year agreement is \$18,517.23 while the 3-year agreement is \$53,026.62 which, over the 3 years, is less cost than the 1-year agreement renewed for 3 total years. The 1-year agreement could also increase over the next couple of years costing the city more over time. Erin recommended the 3-year agreement at \$53,026.62. Coshow made a motion to accept the 3-year agreement at \$53,026.62. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted. Coshow also made a motion to approve and sign the 3-year agreement at \$53,026.62. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the resignation letter received from Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Superintendent. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Coshow, the motion passed.

Adjournment was at 7:08 p.m.