

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
November 19, 2024

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on November 19, 2024 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 November 5, 2024 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes from November 5, 2024 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber regarding the MOU with North Adams Community Schools for the School Resource Officer (SRO). The North Adams School Board has already signed the MOU. Coshow made a motion to approve the MOU with North Adams and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

A second item from Chief Gerber was an agreement with Renovate Counseling Services to provide officers with mental health services on an as needed basis. Chief Gerber noted this has been accounted for in his budget. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the contract for consulting services and authorized Chief Gerber to sign. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

A third item for Police Chief Kevin Gerber was the recommendation to promote Sgt. Derek Loshe to the rank of Lieutenant. The effective date of the promotion would be December 16, 2024. Fullenkamp made a motion to promote Sgt. Derek Loshe to Lt. Derek Loshe. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was the review of the softener salt quotes opened during the November 5, 2024 meeting and taken under advisement. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the low quote of \$133.25 per ton from Midwest Salt. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Next a renewal contract was presented for fire alarm monitoring at the Merit Center. Coshow made a motion to accept the 3-year contract with New Era Technology for the fire alarm inspection and monitoring at The MERIT Center at \$2699.52 per year and authorized Mayor Rickord to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the Quick Claim Deed for property along Winchester Street previously owned by the railroad. Seconded by Fullenkamp, 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 6:16 P.M.