

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
January 21, 2025

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on January 21, 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.

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

The first item on the agenda was a nuisance concern regarding Jordan Haviland at 615 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Decatur. Although provided with a notice regarding a hearing this evening, Mr. Haviland was not in attendance. Brad Roe, Building and Zoning Assistant Superintendent, outlined the steps regarding the nuisance. The first complaint was filed on May 22, 2024 regarding several car parts and an accumulation of rubbish. It was shared the owner had done some clearing, but dropped any progress. While checking the progress on January 21, 2025 it was found to be in worse condition than on the previous check held on January 10, 2025. Roe recommended City Attorney Anne Razo send a letter giving Mr. Haviland 10 days to clear the nuisance or a fine of \$100 a day will be imposed. Coshow made a motion directing City Attorney Anne Razo to draft and send a letter to Haviland giving him 10 days to clear up the nuisance or a fine of \$100 a day will be imposed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Jeremy Gilbert, representing the Park Board. The Park Board is seeking permission to purchase lights for Field 3 in REV Sports Complex following a \$125,000 donation from Adams Memorial Hospital. Gilbert provided a quote from Musco Sports Lighting for \$144,500. Gilbert noted that the park board is willing to cover the difference in cost. A lengthy discussion followed concerning such things as the need for extra lighting since the games are played from late May to early July when the natural light is in play and artificial lighting is not needed. It was also noted there are other concerns that need to be addressed before going further with funding lighting projects. It was noted it would be wise for the Park Board, the Board of Public Works and Safety, and the City Council to meet to put all on the same area regarding funding and the needs. Fullenkamp made a motion to complete the project and proceed with the quote from Musco Field Lighting for \$144,500. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter or record the posting of an opening for a future position opening in the Water Department. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion and action regarding the bids received for the Community Crossing Matching grant. The bids were originally opened at the

December 17, 2024 meeting and had been taken under advisement. Four bids had been received as follow: Milestone (\$1,868,347.59), Brooks Construction (\$1,876,217.00), Wayne Asphalt (\$1,918,627.40). and DC Construction (\$1,499,410.72). The concern was the great variance in the lowest bid which was from a bidder new to the area. Mayor Rickord and Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman had contacted areas listed on the bidder's profile as a list of references to seek information regarding the bidder's work. Following the lengthy discussion and noting the need for a wise use of tax payer's money, Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the lowest bidder of DC Construction at a rate of \$1,499,410.72. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office for Dallas Creager, a new member of the Police Department. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record the Certificate of Appointment and Oath of Office for Jeremy Friedt, as a member the Decatur Plan Commission. 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 6:37 P.M.