

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
February 6, 2024

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on February 6, 2024 at 6:00 at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Tyler Fullenkamp and Mayor Dan Rickord while Craig Coshow was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Kevin Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes from January 23, 2024 as emailed. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

First on the agenda was the contract with Brook's Construction for the paving of streets per the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG). City Attorney Anne Razo shared she had reviewed the contract and suggested few changes. The contract covers the \$886,747 of the CCMG. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Brook's Construction as amended. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was a Code Enforcement issue at 518 Marshall Street which is owned by Brad Colclasure. Brad Roe, Building and Zoning Assistant Superintendent, shared the issue involved an unattached garage leaning in several directions and included having a sagging roof. The first complaint came on August 14, 2023. Numerous visits followed after the sending of the abatement letter with no improvement. In fact, Roe noted the situation worsened. Visitations continued with no contact from Mr. Colclasure and the worsening condition. Thus, a notice to attend this evening's meeting resulted. While in attendance, Mr. Colclasure noted he wished to get the items in the garage out and demolish the building. However, he had no specific time line. Thus, Fullenkamp made a motion for Mr. Colclasure to have the building down by June 6, 2024 (4 months from this evening's meeting) or a fine of \$100 per day will be assessed. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, gave an update regarding the Code Enforcement issue at 133 N. 8th Street. Witte shared that Advance Demolition Solutions Company will be bringing equipment on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 and begin demolition on Thursday morning. Residents to the south of the home have been updated regarding the time lines but those on the corner are yet to be notified. The building should be down by Friday with the clean up to follow.

Next on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber seeking permission to continue the process for hiring an officer. Chief Gerber shared they had interviewed five (5) candidates with three (3) having home visits and checks. Fullenkamp made a motion to give Chief Gerber permission to continue the process for hiring an officer to have a full staffing of the Department. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent, appeared before the Board seeking permission to sell obsolete equipment via an on-line auction with Krueckeberg Auctions. Fuelling noted ten (10) pieces of equipment that still worked but were no longer used by the Department. Fullenkamp made a motion to grant Fuelling permission to proceed with the sale of the unused equipment. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Rickord, the motion was adopted.
Adjournment was at 6:25 P.M.