

City of Decatur  
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes  
April 7, 2026

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Tyler Fullenkamp, Craig Coshow and Mayor Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the March 17, 2026 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 17, 2026 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

As the meeting opened, Mayor Rickord noted a Public Hearing had been publicized for the City Council for 7 p.m. and with a short agenda for the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting, the City Council meeting would begin at 6:45 p.m.

The first item on the agenda was the Tawa Landscaping proposal for stump/log grinding at the compost site. The stumps/logs to be ground are those placed there by INDOT as they clear them from under the bridge. The cost for the grinding is \$13,640. Matt Schultz, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, noted that the Adams County Solid Waste District contracts with Tawa Landscaping to grind the brush at the compost site, and they cover that cost. Since the County contracts with Tawa and they are on-site, the City uses Tawa to grind up the logs. Fullenkamp made a motion to accept the contract with Tawa Landscaping and give authorization to sign. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted. Following the passage of the motion, Mayor Rickord shared he and Matt Schultz will talk with INDOT representatives to learn of their policy for disposing logs they take from the river under the bridge.

The second item on the agenda was a Code Enforcement issue for 512 Short Street, owned by Adam Braun. Brad Roe, Building and Zoning Assistant Superintendent, shared the first notice to abate for accumulation of trash was sent on December 29, 2025 and delivered by the Decatur Police Department on December 30, 2025. An early visit showed some improvement, but revisits showed no improvement. The final notice was sent on March 5, 2026 and on March 23, 2026 notice was sent for the individual to attend to appeal before the Board of Works. A visit to the property today found rubbish with minimal improvement. Roe recommended having City Attorney Anne Razo send a letter noting the owner/resident had ten days to clean up the rubbish or a fine of \$100 a day would be imposed. Coshow made a motion to proceed with the letter from City Attorney Razo giving the owner/resident ten days to clean the rubbish or the fine would begin as recommended by Roe. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

There being nothing else to bring before the Board, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:15 p.m.