

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
September 16, 2025

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety Members met on September 16, 2025 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 Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting. Coshow made a motion to adopt the minutes of September 2, 2025 as emailed. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber as he shared the resignation letter received from Officer Lucas Rumschlag with the effective date of resignation of September 8, 2025. Coshow made a motion to make the resignation letter from Officer Lucas Rumschlag a matter of record. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

With the resignation of Officer Rumschlag, Police Chief Kevin Gerber sought permission to post the position to take applications to fill the position. Fullenkamp made a motion to allow Chief Gerber to open the application process to fill the vacancy. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, regarding a Code Enforcement issue at 1034 Parkview Drive, Decatur. Witte shared his department has been trying to get this issue cleaned for four years. Witte shared the property had originally been owned by Ruben Soto, Sr. who has died. The USDA had sent forms regarding the foreclosure of the mortgage following the death of Ruben Soto, Sr. which had not been filed properly. Rob Renkenberger, Director of the Maumee River Basin Commission, has also tried to get the issue settled as the home is located in the flood buy-out area. Witte talked with Ruben Soto, Jr. today and told him he was going to seek a demolition order this evening and Ruben Soto, Jr. shared he had no interest in the property. Witte asked Mr. Soto if he could get contact information from his two sisters, but Ruben noted he would try but doesn't really talk to them.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record that the USDA had been notified of tonight's meeting. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to make a matter of record that the certified letter (notification of tonight's hearing) had been sent and delivery was attempted to Ruben Soto, Hermelinda Hernandez and Dolores Soto at 5148 Daleiden Drive, Brownsville, Texas and at 171 Interlaken Drive, Berne, Indiana; and USDA Work Order M13083710, 350 Highland Drive, Ste. 100, Lewisville, Texas. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

It was shared that Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, had discussed with Ruben Soto, Jr. the option for a Quitclaim deed to sign the property over to the City of Decatur via a phone conversation this morning and Mr. Soto noted he did not want to attend tonight's meeting.

Coshow made a motion for Building and Zoning Superintendent Curt Witte to proceed with a demolition order for 1034 Parkview Drive. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to proceed with the notification to Ruben Soto, Jr. regarding a Public Hearing to be heard regarding the demolition of 1034 Parkview Drive to be held on October 28, 2025 Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Mayor Rickord thanked Mr. Witte and Attorney Anne Razo for all their work on the 1034 Parkview Drive issue.

Clerk-Treasurer Eran Hackman presented the Conditional Employee Contract for Conrad Dyer as a Decatur Police Officer. Fullenkamp made a motion to make a matter of record the Conditional Employee Contract for Conrad Dyer. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to accept and sign the change order regarding the date for necessary changes regarding the roundabout. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

City Attorney Anne Razo sought approval from the Board of Public Works and Safety to continue the contract with West Law which she uses as her legal research tool. It is a 3-year contract at the rate of \$287 per month. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve Attorney Razo's request. Seconded by Coshow, 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 6:25 P.M.