

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
October 3, 2023

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on October 3, 2023 at 6:00 at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street, Decatur. Members present were Craig Coshow, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Mayor Dan Rickord. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Phyllis Whitright and City Attorney Anne Razo.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

First on the agenda was Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager, regarding a quote for various needed street striping and crosswalk areas. Gilbert shared that he had asked Brooks Construction's sub-contractors, CE Hughes Milling, Inc., doing business as The Airmarking Co., who were doing the street striping for the Community Crossing Matching Grant for a quote to do additional work that was needed at various locations, but were not included in the grant, such as 2nd Street from Madison to Adams, Mercer Avenue from Angus Drive to 200 E, East Monroe Street and 224 intersection, and East Monroe and Piqua Road. The quote for the extra work came in at \$14,785.00, which will be paid from the MVH-Street Restricted fund. Gilbert noted the striping and crosswalks would last 8 to 9 years, and recommended doing the additional work while The Airmarking Co. is in town. Coshow made a motion to approve the quote from The Airmarking Co., and authorize the Mayor to sign the quote for the additional work at a cost of \$14,785.00. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda were two (2) code enforcement issues. Brad Roe, Assistant Building and Zoning Superintendent shared that the first code enforcement issue was for 922 Harrison Street, which is owned by Richard Chapman. The first complaint for excess weeds and vegetation was filed on August 28, 2023. Also found on the property was rubbish and an inoperable motor vehicle. The abatement order was delivered by the Decatur Police on August 31, 2023. Various checks of the area found little change. The final abatement notice was sent on September 13, 2023. With no improvement, notice to appear at tonight's meeting was issued on September 26, 2023. A check on the property this morning found the weeds to be taller and no other changes. However, Mr. Chapman failed to appear this evening. Thus, the recommendation was made to have City Attorney Anne Razo draft and send a letter. Fullenkamp made a motion for Attorney Razo to draft and send the letter to Mr. Chapman stating the time line for abatement and when fines would begin and the amount of the fine. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The second code enforcement issue regarded 1620 Madison Street, which is owned by Laurie Blythe. The original complaint for an accumulation of rubbish was received on August 4, 2023 for accumulation of rubbish and debris. On August 22, 2023 it was found that no progress had been made plus an unlicensed vehicle was now on the lot. A final notice of abatement was delivered on August 28, 2023 by the Decatur Police. On September 13, 2023, the Decatur Police delivered the notice for Ms. Blythe to appear at tonight's meeting. Ms. Blythe did not appear this evening and Curt Witte, Building and Zoning Superintendent, noted that this had been an on-going problem since 2021. Fullenkamp made a motion to have City Attorney Anne Razo draft and send a letter to Ms. Blythe stating the time line for abatement and when fines would begin as well as the amount of the fine. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

There being no other business, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:19 P.M.