

Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
December 3, 2024

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on December 3, 2024 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 November 19, 2024 meeting. Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes from November 19, 2024 as emailed. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Fullenkamp made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Executive Meeting held on November 25, 2024 as emailed. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

The first item on the agenda was Police Chief Kevin Gerber noting they had interviewed four (4) candidates. Chief Gerber was seeking permission to send two (2) of the applicants for the PERF examinations at a cost of \$1,600 each. Since there is only one (1) opening and the exam results are only good for six months, Coshow made a motion to allow for one medical exam. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

Next on the agenda was Fire Chief Jeff Sheets regarding changes in the training policy. Chief Sheets noted some of the firemen serve on active duty with the Fort Wayne Department and may be on duty on evenings of scheduled training. He shared the desire to give those working training credits. City Attorney Anne Razo noted that was an update from the department and did not need official action from the Board.

Next on the agenda was the renewal of the Conner Brite Wildflowers contract at the MERIT Center. The one-year renewal lease remains the same at the amount of \$5,400 a year of \$450 a month. Coshow made a motion to renew the Conner Brite Wildflowers contract and authorize Mayor Rickord to sign. Seconded by Fullenkamp, the motion was adopted.

The last item on the agenda was the announcement of three retirements: Sue Milholland of the Parks and Rec Department, Chad Pruden, the City Forester; and Mary Friedt of the Parks and Rec Department. Fullenkamp made a motion to make the resignations a matter of record. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Thus, with there being no other business on the agenda, Fullenkamp made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 6:18 P.M.