

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: February 6, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Allen Wesolowski, Anne Jacobson, Maryanne Groat

Also Present: TJ Niksich, Lori Wunsch

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Open bids and make recommendation for 2024 Street Construction Project “A”

The following bids were received:

Haas Sons, Inc.	\$658,097.75
Pember Companies, Inc.	\$671,968.05
Earth Inc.	\$843,782.00

Groat questioned if this was within budget. Niksich indicated it is over budget. The total budget is \$620,000. However, we removed a lot of the originally proposed sanitary sewer work from the final project. We have \$300,000 budgeted for sanitary sewer. The estimate was around \$70,000 for sanitary sewer that was in the final project due to removing a lot of the originally proposed work. The road budget appears to be over.

Groat noted that there is a Finance and Council meeting on February 13th. A budget modification could be brought forward then. She believes the City’s share is scheduled to be funded by TID 3. She suggested delaying the award until after the budget modification. Staff will separate street, storm, sewer and water to see what areas are over budget and then bring back.

2023 Street Construction Project “C”: Earth, Inc., Pay Estimate #3

This pay estimate is for work completed through the end of 2023. The pay estimate was reviewed by the project inspector and approval is recommended.

Jacobson moved to approve Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$534,077.96. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on contract extension with Earth, Inc., for 2023 Street Construction Project “C”

Niksich indicated that Earth has submitted a 5-page letter regarding a contract extension. Per City records, Earth started work on May 11th when traffic control was delivered to the site and lanes were reduced to one in each direction. The contract was for 90 working days. Within those 90 working days there were 3 holidays, so 93 days would give a completion date of September 19, 2023. The actual completion date was November 14, 2023. This gives a total of 56 days over the contract working days. Earth is requesting a total of 25 additional working days. 5 of those days are at the beginning of the contract when work actually started. Traffic control was delivered on May 11, but Earth wasn’t on site until May 16 to begin removing pavement. Earth feels it helps to have traffic control out ahead of the contract beginning. Niksich agrees with this and is in favor of allowing the additional 5 days.

Earth is asking for an additional 5 days due to high pH and the difficulty of getting a safe water sample. They spent most of October trying to get safe samples of the watermain and ultimately had to hire a third-party contractor, CTW, to lower the pH in the isolated watermain so that the chlorine could activate and kill the bacteria

remaining in the watermain. CTW was out there for 5 days. Niksich is in favor of these 5 days.

Additional work is remaining; landscaping, seeding, and installing sidewalk on the west side of 17th Ave. Earth is requesting an additional 15 days in the spring to complete that work, with all work completed by June 1, 2024. During the time period when they were trying to get safe water, it put the rest of the work on hold. When they finally did get safe water, the ground started to freeze. If concrete was poured, there was a chance damage would occur due to use of salt on sidewalks. It was recommended to wait to spring to get a better product. Staff recommends the Board allows another 15 days in spring to complete this work.

Niksich summarized that we are looking at an additional 25 working days to bring the working day contract to 115 days, have the contract suspended on November 14th with work to resume in spring allowing 15 days with all work completed by June 1.

Jacobson asked if it was the contractor's sub who put the traffic control out 5 days before the contractor showed up to begin construction. Niksich confirmed. Jacobson asked if in the industry beginning construction means when the contractor shows up to construct. Niksich stated the contract states when work actually begins, but one could define work as setting up traffic control. It can be interpreted in different ways.

Jacobson moved to approve the 25-working day extension to the contract, to make it a total of 115 days. Wesolowski seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment 3 to the agreement with Clark Dietz for Utilities Design for Stewart Avenue STP Urban Reconstruction Project

The Board would be more comfortable if Lindman and/or Clark Dietz were present for this item. This item will be brought back.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(d), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering and deliberating on pre-qualification statements for 2024 Sidewalk Repair Project "A" and 2024 Asphalt Patching Project

Motion by Wesolowski, second by Jacobson to convene in closed session. Motion passed.

RECONVENE MEETING INTO OPEN SESSION for the purpose of acting upon closed session items, if necessary

Motion by Jacobson, second by Groat to reconvene in open session. Motion passed.

Wesolowski moved to approve the following bidders for 2024 Sidewalk Repair Project "A":

Pember Companies, Inc., Menomonie
Potrykus Construction, Eland
S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Athens
Zilisch Asphalt LLC, Ringle
BMD Concrete Innovations, Winneconne (contingent upon reference checks)

Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Wesolowski moved to approve the following bidders for 2024 Asphalt Patching Project:

American Asphalt of Wisconsin, Mosinee
RC Pavers LLC/Ron Christiansen Trucking, Inc., Schofield
Zilisch Asphalt LLC, Ringle

Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Wesolowski and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:55 am.