

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Anne Jacobson (Maryanne Groat was absent)

Also Present: Allen Wesolowski, 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.

Approve minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting

Jacobson moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

2020 1st Street Riverlife Trail Project: Haas Sons, Inc., Change Order #1

Per Wesolowski it was assumed we would be able to use excavated material on site. Some of the material was unsuitable to put back in and had to be trucked to the landfill as it was contaminated. This is a reasonable trucking price. The City paid the tipping fees directly to the landfill. This cost is just to haul the material to the landfill. Lindman moved to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of 1,018.08. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

2020 1st Street Riverlife Trail Project: Haas Sons, Inc., Final Payment

This pay request was reviewed by the project inspector and approval is recommended. Lindman moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$74,440.93. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

2020 USH 51/STH 29 Pond D Lining: Integrity Grading & Excavating Inc., Change Order #2

Niksich noted that last November a pay request was brought forward where he had discussed the likelihood of a change order coming forward in the spring. The change order includes pumping the liner down, placing soil on top of the liner to weigh it down and installing underdrain to help manage the groundwater so the liner does not begin to float again. Approval of the change order is recommended. Niksich did speak with Groat about this last week and she seemed okay with it. Lindman moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$81,977.17. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Portland Cement Concrete License: Utility Traffic & Restoration Inc.

Jacobson has reviewed the license and recommends approval. Lindman moved to approve the subject license. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Bituminous Concrete Paving License: Utility Traffic & Restoration Inc.

Jacobson has reviewed the license and recommends approval. Lindman moved to approve the subject license. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(d), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering and deliberating on pre-qualification statements for 2021 Asphalt Paving Project A and 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair Project

The Board did not go into closed session.

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

Wesolowski stated that Pember just submitted their pre-qualification documents this morning. The advertisement for the project indicated pre-qualifications were due yesterday. Having a due date the day before the Board meets allows time to review documents. Jacobson does not remember what the rule is about accepting pre-qualifications and asked if the ad indicates anything received after the date will not be accepted. The ad just states documents are due by a certain date and time. Jacobson asked what has been done in the past, and if contractors have to be pre-qualified. Lindman stated contractors bidding as a prime need to be pre-qualified.

Lindman explained pre-qualifications are good for a year. There have been times when contractors with expired documents have been considered. He does not feel it is unprecedented to consider Pember even though they submitted late. Jacobson said it is to the City's advantage to have a greater number of prime bidders but then what does the deadline date mean. Discussion followed.

Once a contractor is pre-qualified and they are just updating their information, Jacobson feels they remain pre-qualified, unless something drastic has changed with their statement. Per Lindman, the challenge is every project is different. Some contractors, although they have their pre-qualifications in, may not be large enough for a full street reconstruction project but large enough for small landscaping or excavation projects. Lindman feels it is reasonable to pre-qualify Pember as they have been before and are just updating their information. Jacobson feels there should be a policy otherwise there are no consequences.

Wesolowski explained that after the Board pre-qualifies, contractors are marked approved in Quest and they can start entering their bid. Jacobson said pre-qualifications are not required by statute and therefore the City probably has discretion to allow people to bid. She wants to make sure we follow a consistent process. It could be case by case but we have to have some objective standards to make exceptions. In this case that could be they are well-qualified, we have experience with them, they have been pre-qualified in the past and are simply expired.

Jacobson moved to pre-qualify CPR Inc., Norcon Corporation, Pember Companies and Sommers Construction for the 2021 Concrete Pavement Repair Project. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

Lindman moved to pre-qualify American Asphalt for 2021 Asphalt Paving Project A. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Lindman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jacobson. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.