

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Lindman, Groat, Jacobson

Also Present: Wesolowski, Bauer

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 May 5, 2020 meeting

Groat moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Make recommendation for the 2020 Bridge Street Bridge Repair Project (Bids were opened May 5, 2020.)

Wesolowski explained this project had a base bid with alternates. Not all the alternates were mandatory. The base bid is to repair the spalled concrete and repair the joints on the end of the bridge. The apparent low for the base bid is Norcon Corporation for 655,567.80. Norcon was also the low with the alternate of polymer overlay; their base bid plus this alternate totaled \$815,962.80. The low for the base bid with the concrete overlay is Lunda Construction with a total of \$1,023,040.65. Ayres completed the design for this project. Per their design engineers, the concrete overlay is preferred as it would give 15 to 20 years of life versus the polymer option which provides 7 to 10 years of life. It would be approximately \$207,077 more to upgrade to the concrete overlay. There is \$900,000 budgeted.

Groat stated that since the preference would be the concrete overlay due to the extended useful life, she looked to see if this could be funded from another source. The Kickbusch Street Project came in under budget. Transferring funds would require a budget modification. Lindman questioned the amount needed, which would be approximately \$123,000.

If the concrete overlay option is accepted, Jacobson questioned if Norcon being the low base bid would get bounced since they did not bid that alternative. Wesolowski explained the bid was written that the City reserved the right to pick the alternates that best fit and the low bid was not going to be based upon the base bid. The low bid is to be based upon the base bid plus whatever alternate the City accepts.

Lindman stated it could be approved contingent upon the budget modification. Wesolowski is concerned as he does not know how long a budget modification would take. This is a lengthy project with a lot of work. The joints that have to be ordered are 8 to 10 weeks out. An issue with waiting is the contractor may not be able to get to the concrete overlay this year.

Groat had asked if the base bid could be done this year and the concrete overlay next year. Wesolowski explained that could not be done as the concrete overlay leaves the deck 2" higher. The joints sit at each end and the middle. The joints would sit 2" higher to accommodate the concrete overlay.

Staff was worried where the bids would come in at. The numbers did come in lower than the estimate. It was bid with a base bid and alternates because of the uncertainty of the numbers. It was unsure if the polymer overlay would come in under \$900,000. The concrete overlay was estimated between \$1.2 and \$1.3 million so staff was happy to see the bid come in just over \$1 million. There is no guarantee but the concrete overlay is expected to provide 15 to 20 years of life and the polymer 7 to 10 years of life. It all depends on how the bridge reacts. Right now the joints are the most immediate need and holes are starting to develop in the deck. Wesolowski also noted that \$450,000 will be received from the County in bridge aid for this. This will be received over a period of years, not to exceed four years.

Jacobson said this seems like an urgent need and something that should not be put off until next year. Groat noted that Council and Finance meet tomorrow. She recognizes there is a rule established so Council has sufficient time to review and consider the items placed before them. This is the perfect example of why we can add things for consideration with a 2/3 vote. There is a sufficient budget; this would not be asking for new money and would potential double the years of life.

Wesolowski noted that the next step after repair is a complete deck replacement and painting of the under steel. This type of project is estimated at several million. Discussion followed.

This item was tabled and will be sent forward to Finance and Council for consideration of a budget modification.

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(d), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering and deliberating on pre-qualification statements for the Bridge Street Pedestrian Crossing Project

and

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberating on claims

Motion by Jacobson, second by Groat 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.

Lindman moved to approve the following bidders for the Bridge Street Pedestrian Crossing Project:

Haas Sons, Inc., Thorp
Norcon Corporation, Schofield
Pember Companies, Inc., Menomonie
S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Athens
Trierweiler Construction, Marshfield

Seconded by Groat and the motion passed.

Jacobson moved to deny the claim submitted by Koss in the amount of \$1,500. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Groat. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.