

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: July 19, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Anne Jacobson

Also Present: Allen Wesolowski, TJ Nicksich, Ben Brooks, Tammy Stratz, Shannon Graff, Lori Wunsch
Via WebEx: Allen Howe – Donohue

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 July 12, 2022 meeting

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

Open bids and make recommendation for Business Campus Trail – 72nd Avenue, Packer Drive to International Drive

The following bid was received:

Janke General Contractors	\$2,897,802.00
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Nicksich will have to bring this to the DOT for authorization to bid. This will be brought back after receiving authorization from the DOT.

Open bids and make recommendation for 2022 Street Construction Project C

The following bids were received:

A-1 Excavating LLC	\$639,639.00
Kruczek Construction, Inc.	\$649,649.49
Haas Sons, Inc.	\$670,209.20

The bids will be reviewed and a recommendation will be brought back.

Open bids and make recommendation for Wausau Municipal Parking Ramp Repairs – Sears Ramp

The following bids were received:

Restoration Systems, Inc.	\$195,441.00
Cy-Con, Inc.	\$294,760.00
RAM Construction Services of MN	\$382,709.00

Lindman moved to award the contract to the low qualified bidder, Restoration Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$195,441.00. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project: Miron Construction, Change Order #19 & #20

Lindman moved to approve Change Order #19 in the amount of \$85,070.33 and Change Order #20 in the amount of \$81,479.70.

Jacobson asked the reasons for the change orders. Lindman explained Change Order #19 is due to unforeseen conditions, to address existing conditions that turned out to be different than what was known at the time of design, and items associated with design coordination issues not evident during design. Change Order #20 is for design coordination issues, unforeseen events, and design coordination issues for items not known during design. Jacobson asked if there is a concern about coordination issues or if anything could be done differently going forward to mitigate some of this expense. Lindman said they are doing what they can with Miron and trying to mitigate it. There were some design considerations throughout the project that were missed. Staff has had conversations with Donohue and Becher Hoppe about reconciliation towards the end of the project.

Howe said things are rearing their ugly head as we are coming toward the end of the project. With existing facilities, we do not always know what we will come up against. Things come up that we have to address at the moment. They are not enjoying having to add change orders to the project. Lindman noted that after these two change orders we are still about \$409,000 below the original bid.

Jacobson seconded the motion to approve Change Order #19 and Change Order #20 and the motion passed.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project: Miron Construction, Pay Estimate #24

Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #24 in the amount of \$328,799.70. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Make recommendation for the 2022 Scott Street Bridge Fencing Project (Bids were opened July 12, 2022)

Wesolowski recommends bringing this back at a later date. About half of this is WPS's responsibility. Both WPS's portion and our portion are over budget. WPS will have to look for additional funds and Wesolowski needs to talk with the Finance Director.

2022 Sidewalk Project: S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Pay Estimate #1

This is for work completed and the pay estimate was reviewed by the project inspector. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$38,083.46. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on the purchase of two Orthophosphate Analyzers

Lindman explained staff would like to put orthophosphate analyzers in the Wastewater plant. Rather than writing a bid and specifications, staff received quotes from suppliers for the type that works with our plant. The lowest cost was from William/Reid in the amount of \$53,674.00. Lindman moved to approve the purchase from William/Reid in the amount of \$53,674.00. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on the purchase of ductile iron pipe and appurtenances for 2023 Street Construction Projects

Niksich explained that similar to this past year, staff reached out to suppliers in the area to provide quotes for ductile watermain for 2023 projects. Quotes were brought forward to the Water Commission last week, where the Water Department recommended going with Core & Main.

Lindman indicated the same process was done later last year. Last year we went with Ferguson who initially had the low quote. There were issues with Ferguson providing non-domestic materials rather than what was specified and required. This included everything from bolts to some of the fittings. Also, when the items were delivered there was a material scrape metal surcharge added. Because they did not guarantee the prices, we ended up paying the same or more than the other quote from Core & Main. Core & Main provided a cost which we cannot guarantee is not to exceed, but it seems that Core & Main would be the best option as far as cost. When we had issues with fittings and piping received from Ferguson, we went to Core & Main.

Jacobson asked how we could be charged surcharges if we did not know about them in advance. Lindman stated it was either pay the surcharge or the pipe would be sold to someone else. Core & Main has indicated a 7-10% increase in prices; if it doesn't get to 10%, we would recognize a savings. Lindman feels there is justification not to go with the low quote from Ferguson due to past cost issues and issues with material received.

Lindman moved to purchase ductile iron pipe and appurtenances for 2023 Street Construction Projects from Core & Main in the amount of \$477,349.70. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lindman. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:50 am.