

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: July 20, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Nathan Miller

Also Present: Allen Wesolowski, TJ Nicksich, Scott Boers, Shannon Lane, Dustin Kraege, Mark Hanson, Solomon King, Shannon Graff, 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 July 13, 2021 meeting

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

Make recommendation for 2021 Alley Paving Project – Rebid (Bids were opened July 13, 2021.)

Wesolowski recommends not awarding this project. Staff eliminated approximately \$20,000 of storm sewer work and the project cost only came down about \$8,000. His hope is to carryover the funds and rebid the project next year. The alley paving was not petitioned for; the work was recommended by DPW because of erosion. No action was taken.

Make recommendation for 2021 Street Construction Project C (Bids were opened July 13, 2021.)

After bid opening, the costs were reviewed as the bids came in over budget. The street reconstruction and sanitary portions of the project were found to be over budget. In speaking with Lindman, the sewer utility will be able to cover the overage. Nicksich also spoke with Stratz, who indicated CDBG would be able to cover the overage for the street. Nicksich recommends awarding the project to Steen Construction, the low bidder. Lindman moved to award the project to Steen Construction in the amount of \$489,134.75. Miller seconded and the motion passed.

Make recommendation for the purchase of a John Deere grader for the Department of Public Works

Hanson stated DPW currently has two graders; a Caterpillar and a John Deere. There are 3½ years difference between the two. They have had the Cat for about 5 years and it is on a 5-year buyback. The John Deere is about 1½ years old. Both units get plenty of abuse, especially in the winter with snow removal. When we purchased the Cat 5 years ago, staff thought Cat units may be better than what they were years ago. They found out the machine is not suited for our operation. The circle turn is way too light for what we do. The Cat is more focused for road base building, not snow removal. The John Deere is built more robust and made for more abuse. Hanson ran a report to compare costs of the units. Repairs on the Cat for one year was \$14,000 compared to \$8,800 for the John Deere. There has been a lot of work done on both units because of the abuse on the moldboard and the circle turn. The Cat essentially costs \$48.57 an hour to operate; the John Deere cost is \$33.13 an hour. Based on these items alone, he recommends purchasing the John Deere on a Sourcewell contract. He noted that he did not receive a complete quote for the Cat. A machine quote was provided, but cost for the wing was missing.

Hanson added that the buy back for the Cat would be \$165,000 and the John Deere unit when due would be \$190,000. John Deere has always brought a better residual value, usually between \$10,000 and \$20,000. The John Deere is a more desirable machine. Cat did make a few changes but still has some antiquated functions. In order to get a steering wheel, we have to buy antler racks (individual lever controls) versus the John Deere that has a single joy stick control that operates all functions for the plow, wing and moldboard. The John Deere is a

more functional machine that would build consistency in the fleet. Currently DPW has a lot of young operators. Once an operator is trained on the John Deere, they can operate the other John Deere unit. Consistency is key to DPW's operation.

Lindman noted the John Deere is \$317,500. With the buyback of \$165,000, the cash outlay would be \$152,500. Hanson will have to write the PO for the full amount of \$317,500 and wait for the buyback, which would go back into their revenue fund.

Lindman moved to approve the purchase of the John Deere grader. Miller seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on quotes received for DPW entry door replacement

Hanson received two quotes for door replacement; Rib Mountain Glass and LaForce. These are the only two industrial door companies in the local area that would bid this project. Rib Mountain Glass quoted \$31,069 and LaForce quoted \$22,080. Both quotes basically mirror each other. In the interest of funds, Hanson recommends accepting the quote from LaForce. He noted this is one phase of the project and more doors will most likely be replaced next year. Lindman moved to accept the quote from LaForce in the amount of \$22,080. Miller seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on Draw Request #2 regarding the Developer Agreement for mall demolition and reconstruction

Lindman reviewed this request and noted that Groat has also reviewed it. Lindman moved to approve Draw Request #2 in the amount of \$276,208.73. Miller seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding repair of a watermain leak under the Thomas Street Bridge

Lindman stated Boers and Lane have been working on this. Lane was only able to get one contractor to give a cost, which was Janke General Contractors. This has been leaking for 3 to 4 weeks and needs to be repaired before it gets worse. Janke provided a repair cost of \$37,375.

Miller asked if Groat has reviewed this. Lindman stated it has not gone to Finance. He wanted to bring it to the Board of Public Works so it could be moved forward. Miller moved to approve the sole source with Janke contingent upon the Finance Director's approval. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

Industrial Park Lift Station Rehabilitation: August Winter & Sons, Inc., Final Payment

This project began a little over a year ago. All work and punch list items have been completed. This was reviewed by Clark Dietz. Lindman moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$11,964.20. Miller seconded and the motion passed.

2020 North 3rd Street Retaining Wall: Haas Sons, Inc., Final Payment

Niksich and the project inspector reviewed this pay request and recommend approval. Miller moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$14,848.60. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

Lindman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Miller. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:42 p.m.