

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: July 23, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Anne Jacobson, Maryanne Groat

Also Present: Allen Wesolowski, TJ Niksich, Jamie Polley, Andrew Lynch, Leo Gau, Luis Lopes-Serrao, Lois Bauer, 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 9 and July 16, 2024 meetings

Jacobson moved to approve both sets of minutes. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Open bids and make recommendation for Oak Island Skatepark

One bid was received, which was from Boldt in the amount of \$988,980. The Park Department will review the bid.

Open bids and make recommendation for 2024 Riverfront Trail Project

The following bids were received:

RC Pavers LLC/Ron Christiansen Trucking, Inc.	\$133,979.51
Haas Sons, Inc.	\$162,329.75
Merrill Gravel & Construction Co.	\$181,797.50
Earth Inc.	\$241,347.50
PGA Inc.	\$268,125.61

Lindman moved to award the contract to RC Pavers LLC/Ron Christiansen Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$133,979.51. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Open bids and make recommendation for 2024 Wausau Police Department Fencing Project

The following bid was received:

S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc.	\$208,623.00
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Lindman moved to award the contract to S.D. Ellenbecker in the amount of \$208,623. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Make recommendation for 2024 Sidewalk Repair Project “B” (Bids were opened July 9, 2024.)

This project includes Community Development Block Grant funding. There was a budget of \$100,000. The bids came in over budget. Staff worked with the low bidder and Community Development and it was agreed to remove a couple of intersections from the project. The intersections of 4th Street and Plumer, 4th Street and Division Street, and River Drive at Hammond Park were removed. The packet included both the original bid tab and the updated bid tab with the intersections removed to show that Potrykus would still be the low bid with the items removed. The contractor also agreed to reduce temporary traffic control from \$15,000 to \$10,000. Staff recommends awarding the project to Potrykus.

Groat moved to award the contract to Potrykus Construction in the amount of \$93,546. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

2024 McClellan Street Ramp and Skyway Demolition: The MRD Group, Change Order #1 and #2

Change Order #1: When they took the panels off the building and inspected the installation and how it was tied into the building, it did not meet current codes. We went back and forth with Walker Consultants on how to put the panels on. A new design was proposed to meet state codes. They had to re-kerf the stones and make stanchions, which caused a major change order. We worked with the contractor to try to reduce the cost. They did have a cost for traffic control, but now the City will close the street for them. We reduced the temporary fencing and barricades and we received a labor credit. This was not included in the original design. The original design included putting the panels on the way they were; however, they were not connected the way it was envisioned. There will be a significant amount of labor and time.

Lindman moved to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$59,790. Groat seconded and added that there are funds in the budget for this as the bids came in significantly lower than expected. There being a motion and a second, motion to approved passed.

Change Order #2: The site plan around the ramp showed a 5' wide sidewalk at 4" thick. Wesolowski met with Norcon on site. We did not want a small grass boulevard; that is not the way the rest of the block is. The sidewalk went from 5' wide to 11' and poured 6" thick as all sidewalk in the downtown is 6" thick. This made a significant increase in the amount of concrete sidewalk. Additionally, PGA had to put more gravel in. Staff is comfortable with the numbers provided.

Groat questioned if trees would be planted. Wesolowski stated trees could be put in the grass area, but there will be no trees in the concrete boulevard. Groat thought there were downtown design standards that require trees. Wesolowski stated there was one tree removed along McClellan Street as part of the project. Groat asked if the sidewalk has been installed and Wesolowski confirmed.

Lindman moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$51,321.85. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Business Campus Trail – 72nd Avenue, Stewart Ave to International Drive: Janke General Contractors, Inc., Final Payment

This payment releases the retainage. The project is completed and the punch list items are done. Jacobson moved to approve the final payment in the amount of \$5,000. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

2024 Sidewalk Repair Project "A": Potrykus Construction, Change Order #1

This change order is for additional curb ramps that were not included in the project. The contractor agreed to hold the contract prices but requested additional traffic control. This is understandable as they will have to shut down Grand Avenue. There will be considerable effort for the traffic control on Grand Ave and then a small amount of traffic control on Curling Way. The cost of \$2,500 is reasonable for this traffic control. Lindman moved to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$2,500. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Northwestern and Greenwood Hills Lift Stations: Earth, Inc., Pay Estimate #2

This work is being inspected by the consultant, Clark Dietz. The pay estimate was reviewed and Clark Dietz recommends approval. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$254,223.31. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action regarding liquidated damages for 2023 Street Construction Project “C” – 17th Avenue

The packet includes minutes from the February 6th Board of Public Works meeting that explained the reasoning behind the contract extension to finish the sidewalk this year. Traffic control was delivered to the site on September 19, 2023 and the contractor finished paving on November 14, 2023. The contract was for 90 working days. The project was 146 working days, which is 56 days over the contract. The Board granted an additional ten days for work last year; 5 days for the early traffic control and 5 days due to testing of the watermain. This puts the contractor 46 days over. The Board provided another 15 days in spring of 2024 to complete the concrete and sidewalk work. This puts the contract total working days at 115 days, with 15 of those days applied to work done in 2024. The contractor, Earth, has agreed that 46 days for liquidated damages should be applied. They did complete the concrete work this year within the 15 days. Lindman feels contractors should be held to the construction dates in the contract. 46 days comes to \$46,000 in liquidated damages. The project management process that our staff does by documenting all the days and the work that is done, is the reason we can support these liquidated damages. That work is well done and Lindman appreciates it.

Lindman moved to approve liquidated damages in the amount of \$46,000. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

2023 Street Construction Project “C” – 17th Avenue: Earth, Inc., Pay Estimate #4

This pay estimate is for all items completed to date less the liquidated damages and \$10,000 for retainage. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #4 in the amount of \$105,266.77. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Drinking Water Treatment Facility PFAS Treatment: Ellis Stone Construction, Pay Estimate #10

The quantities and work for this pay estimate were approved by the consultant, Donohue, as well as staff. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #10 in the amount of \$2,724,649.58. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on Addendum No. 1 to the agreement with Cedar Corporation regarding Wetland Delineation in the Wausau Business Campus

This project was put out for RFP and Cedar Corporation was chosen. There is an additional parcel that was not in the RFP that Community Development would like delineated. Lindman moved to approve Addendum No. 1 in the amount of \$2,800, which puts the agreement total at \$16,450. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

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

Motion by Lindman, 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.

Jacobson moved to deny the claim of Jeffrey Sargent in the amount of \$14,473.64. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Lindman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Groat and the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.