

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: September 1, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Eric Lindman, Maryanne Groat

Also Present: Allen Wesolowski, Lori Wunsch
By WebEx: Allen Howe, Donohue; Steve Opatik, Becher Hoppe

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 August 17 and August 25, 2021 meetings

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

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project: Miron Construction, Pay Estimate #13

Progress is being made and this project is on schedule. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #13 in the amount of \$6,228,850.43. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Groat questioned the rest of the project schedule. Howe indicated cost wise the project is about 67% complete. This is a large pay request as a lot of larger equipment was delivered and it was a busy month. They are in the process of working through startups. They are just about finished with the first one, which was getting the new electrical service into the plant. They tested the new backup generators and have to check the programming for the automatic switch over so we can start switching different facilities over to the new electrical system. Howe described the items that will take place in October and November.

Groat explained the City secured money through ARPA where water and sewer projects are specifically listed. They are still working on preliminary rules with ARPA funds. There has been talk about using some of that money to apply to these projects so the City does not have to borrow as many funds for the projects. She recently attended a conference where it was indicated that funds are to be used for maintenance of continuing capacity. She questioned how we would be able to delineate expanded capacity versus maintenance.

Howe stated we are not increasing capacity but gaining efficiency. We are trying to make what the City has as efficient as we can. As far as the sludge process, it is not necessarily being expanded but enhanced by adding selectors which will improve what can be processed within the sludge system. The majority of what is being done could apply to maintenance. Howe questioned the amount of funding. Groat said they were thinking of a \$10 million amount with dividing it between water and sewer. Per Howe someone could say that what we are doing for solids handling is being expanded, but we are not gaining capacity. We are making improvements to the digester building, upgrading boilers, and replacing wastewater pumps. We could easily come to \$10 million that is considered maintenance and improvements.

Groat stated we cannot retire debt with the funds. It would have to be a future draw where rather than submitting to the DOA we would use ARPA funds. Howe would then adjust the request to the State accordingly showing what portion would be paid by the City.

Opatik agrees with Howe. For the Drinking Water side, it is essentially a replacement of capacity. There are a couple of projects we are looking at, such as replacing the pump station. So, there are other opportunities where the money could be used.

Groat noted that after this pay request there is about \$12 million left for the Drinking Water project and \$27 million for the Wastewater project. She questioned the schedule and when a decision about the funds would need to be made. Opatik said the general schedule on the Water Plant is to have water directed to the plant November 1 with the plant making water in February and completely online in spring/summer of next year. Groat is referring to the schedule of future draw requests as once we draw money from the state it is considered spent on debt.

Lindman asked the consultants to go through the schedule of values and each come up with \$10 million worth of work. Then a decision could be made if the funds should be split between water and sewer or all go to one. Groat added that this should be on the statement of values for what has not been drawn yet.

Drinking Water Treatment Facility: Miron Construction, Pay Estimate #11

Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #11 in the amount of \$3,256,490.84. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Portland Cement Concrete License: ABG Masonry, Inc.

Jacobson has previously reviewed and approved this license. Lindman moved to approve. Groat 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 the North 12th Avenue Sidewalk Project

Motion by Lindman, 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 Lindman, second by Groat to reconvene in open session. Motion passed.

Lindman moved to approve the following bidders for the North 12th Avenue Sidewalk Project:

Norcon Corporation, Schofield
Pember Companies, Inc., Menomonie

Seconded by Groat and the motion passed.

Lindman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Groat. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.