

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
Monday, March 11, 2024, 4:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers

Lyon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mark Lyon, Dick Rickerl, Josh Collister

Others Present: Mayor Messerli, Josh Boldt, Frank Ellenz, Jenn Schwoob, and Teresa Lindstrom

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried 3-0

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion Carried 3-0

Public Participation – None

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Changes**

Boldt stated there were no changes to report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant project at this time, however the next Public Works meeting there will be a change order that he will approve.

**East Water Tower Recoating Bid**

Boldt stated there were 12 bids received ranging from \$154,000 to \$416,000. The low bidder was from Central Tank Coating for \$154,000.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the bid from Central Tank Coating for \$154,000 to repaint the East Water Tower.

Motion Carried 3-0

**Purchase of a 2020 Ford F-150 Lariat Super cab Truck**

Ellenz stated there were four bids received ranging from a 2019 to 2021 with used mileage of 9,960 to 62,800. The lowest bid of \$32,296 was from Brad Deery Motors for a 2020 F-150 Lariat Super cab, with 38,273 miles, and a longer bed, which was desirable for the Public Works Department.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the bid from Brad Deery Motors for \$32,296 for the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-150 Lariat Super cab Pick-up Truck.

Motion Carried 3-0

**Alliance Budget Increase of 3.2%**

Boldt stated this is following inflation numbers. Jake from the corporate office at Alliance talked about this last fall when he attended a Council meeting.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to approve the 3.2% increase in the Alliance contract.

Motion Carried 3-0

**Origin Contract Amendment Increase up to \$25,000 for Platt Street Project**

Boldt stated the remaining contract amount on the current contract is \$5,678. We have an invoice for \$24,363. Origin has been billing us at lower rates and they have been involved in our lawsuits.

Collister stated they signed a contract for \$90,000 and now they want more. When are they going to be done? What does the original contract say?

Messerli inquired if anyone from our side and looked at their contract.

Boldt stated no, he could have someone look at it and do a follow up for the next Public Works meeting.

Collister inquired as to why they are not here, why don't they attend the meetings to answer some questions. How does this continue to increase?

Rickerl inquired as to what they have left to do that they need another \$25,000.

Ellenz added that the final financial audit is one of the most difficult items to have the D.O.T (Department of Transportation) approve.

Collister inquired as to why they didn't ask for additional money to do the audit in the beginning.

Rickerl stated he does not want this to go before full Council before having them (Origin) here to answer some questions.

Boldt stated he will contact them.

Motion by Collister, seconded by Rickerl to table this item until next month.

Motion Carried 3-0

### **East Water Tower Fence Replacement**

Boldt stated the chain link fence around the East Water Tower is in need of painting and patching.

Schwoob stated the fence really needs to be replaced. There are places where someone has literally just cut a hole in the fence. It is very rusty and needs replaced.

Boldt inquired if we have pieces lying around that could be used to patch the holes.

Ellenz stated we may have fabric that could be used but the poles are leaning and need replaced. We do not have any poles.

Lyon inquired as to what it would cost to replace the whole fence and if the Public Works Department could do the labor.

Boldt stated we have a fencing contractor doing the ballfield and we can get a quote from them.

### **Blair Court Roadway Condition/Solution**

Ellenz stated the plan is to do a temporary fix on the patches along the curb line, and as weather permits Public Works will do their own mill and fill and fill the cracks in the center of the road.

Lyon stated this will have to be good enough until next year.

Collister stated he has not heard any complaints on this road.

Boldt stated he has had a significant complaint from someone who lives on that road.

### **Other**

Collister stated regarding the ballparks, he has heard several complaints about not being able to use the fields for practice.

Ellenz commented that the fields are too wet.

Collister stated they also complained the fields haven't been raked yet, and inquired if the infields could be raked.

Ellenz stated the Public Works Department could do that.

Boldt stated specific to the East Ballfield.

Collister stated they had practice scheduled but were told they couldn't use the field because they were tripping on chunks. It needs raked.

Ellenz stated he will have them get the tractor out and get it raked.

Collister inquired of the excess snow being dumped on the ballfield parking areas, if it could be dumped at Birch instead.

Boldt stated logistically that area is the best spot.

Collister stated what if we paved that ballfield lot, would we still dump it there.

Boldt responded no.

Ellenz stated we can look at this next fall and see if there is another spot that they can use to dump snow.

Collister inquired as to the number of trips made to dump snow, does it really take that much more time?

Lyon stated all of the downtown gets shoved onto Perxactlys and the Greenspace.

Boldt stated Alliance is dealing with an ongoing issue regarding wipes being flushed and causing sewer backups on Jones and Main Streets.

Schwoob stated they are seeking to camera it, as was done last year.

Collister inquired if this was on the South end.

Schwoob stated it is by Eddy Street.

Boldt stated we are waiting on a camera piece and will camera the area again.

Motion by Collister seconded by Rickerl adjourning at 4:33 p.m.

Motion Carried 3-0

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Mark Lyon, Chairperson

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Teresa Lindstrom, Utility Billing Clerk