

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 11th, 2024
4:00 P.M.**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Agenda**
- 4. Approval of the February 12th, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- 5. Public Participation**
- 6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Changes**

City Manager Summary: There have been no City Manager authorized changes since the February 12th, 2024 Public Works Committee meeting.

No action needed for now.

- 7. Discussion and Possible Motion Recommending East Water Tower Recoating Bid to Central Tank Coating in the amount of \$154,000**

City Manager Summary: The objective of this motion is to recommend Council action on the East Water Tower Recoating project. Competitive bids were due Thursday, March 7th. 12 bids were received ranging from \$154,000 to \$416,000. All specifications required [Tnemec](#) coating which is viewed as the prime coating product for water towers.

[Central Tank Coating](#) was the lowest responsible bidder at \$154,000. The City's budgeted project cash is \$175,000. This project appears to be on the right path and the City will continue to retain WHKS Engineering for inspection services through the coating season.

In WHKS' initial review, Central Tank Coating is a credible contractor with good work history. In fact, the same business painted Maquoketa's West Tower in the late 2000s and it appears in good shape today. Contingent any significant concern from WHKS, staff recommends moving forward with this proposal.

Committee support is recommended.

8. Discussion and Possible Motion Recommending Purchase of a 2020 Ford F-150 Lariat Supercab from Brad Deery Ford in the amount of \$32,296 to replace the City's Parks Truck

City Manager Summary: City Staff solicited competitive ½ ton truck bids for the purpose of replacing the Parks Truck. The current Parks Truck is a 1999 GMC with plenty of visual signs of degradation. The City's CIP for Public Works has intentionally saved for this truck and currently has \$40,000 available in this fiscal year for the purpose of executing a truck replacement.

The following bids were received:

Ueland Auto bid \$26,500 for a 2019 Ford F-150 Crew Cab with 62,800 miles.

Maquoketa (Deery) Ford bid \$32,296 for a 2020 Ford F-150 Lariat Supercab with 38,273 miles.

Rotman Motors bid \$36,000 for a 2021 GMC 1500 Sierra Crewcab with 47,500 miles.

Rotman Motors also bid \$36,000 for a 2021 Ford F-150 XLT Regular Cab with 9,960 miles.

Public Works Director, Frank Ellenz, states each offer received didn't yield the same specifications. However, Public Works gathered to discuss this and believe the Brad Deery offer is the most advantageous simply because it is a larger bed for the current tool needs at 6.5 feet. The recommendation also has significantly less miles.

Committee support is recommended.

9. Discussion and Possible Motion Recommending Alliance Budget Increase of 3.2%

City Manager Summary: City Staff annually recommends an Alliance increase. The very same proposal is offered at 3.2% for the following Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The previous year was a 6.9% increase which trailed high inflation measures. During Budget discussions, Alliance staff advised they would send an increase offer they felt was right on with the market increases. Staff has maintained a positive relationship with Alliance Manager, Jen Schwoob, and all management staffing gaps within Alliance have been supplemented with help from Alliance management in Missouri. Alliance has also sub-contracted to local plumbing help when needed paid by Alliance resources. In all, staff feels this is a reasonable offer given slowing inflation and the satisfactory relationship the City has maintained with Alliance.

Committee support is recommended.

10. Discussion and Possible Motion Recommending Origin Contract Amendment Increase up to \$25,000 for the Platt Street Project

City Manager Summary: As of the City's last Origin-Platt Street billing, the remaining contract value is \$5,678. Though the project is substantially complete, it is now transitioning into the IDOT financial audit phase. In the event Origin must respond to material information inquiries from IDOT, Origin will incur billable time exceeding contract authority. City Staff recommends an authorization up to \$25,000 to finish the financial audit from IDOT and allow Origin the space needed to continue the serving in their contractual capacity. Origin emphasized they will not bill for time not used and continued to make their case.

The Council's previous direction was to make Origin 100% responsible for their contractual responsibilities as the project engineer/consultant for the Platt Street job. This contact amendment follows the same logic. To date, the Platt Street Fund retains \$797,407 in assets. There will be approximately \$700,000 in contractual payments to Tschiggfrie Excavating for prior work completed and authorized by City Council. The remaining funds need to be retained in case there is some material error in the IDOT financial audit. In short, the City is inching closer to exhaustion of fund capacity.

Committee support is recommended.

- 11. Discussion on East Water Tower Fence Replacement**
- 12. Discussion on Blair Court Roadway Condition and Temporary Solutions**
- 13. Other Business**
- 14. Adjourn**

Next Meeting: April 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM