

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Thiele on Monday, January 15, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Antoine, Coenen, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, HR Dir. Swaney, Street Sup. Van Gompel, Police Chief Graff, Com. Enrich. & Rec. Dir. Vosters, Fire Chief Carrel, Fin. Dir. Van Rossum, and interested citizens.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Recommendation for award of Project 2-24 - Tobacnoir Street Area Utility Relay.

The Engineering Department has compared the eight received bids against the engineers estimate. The two lowest bidders are within \$53,243.55 with their total bid, which is a good indication that they are competitive, yet the City is also getting a much better price. The six lowest bids were within \$353,177 of one another, again showing the competitiveness and that the City is receiving great prices for the work to be completed. The engineer's estimate is compiled utilizing previous years' prices and adjusted for inflation and changes in work descriptions, and three of the bids were lower than that estimate. Discussion was held and questions answered.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to award Project 2-24 – Tobacnoir Street Area Utility Relay – Phase 1 to Carl Bowers & Sons, Kaukauna, WI for all units, an amount of \$2,482,213.00. All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

b. Authorization to add utility relay on Arthur Street as an Alternate Bid for Project 5-24 Kenneth Avenue Utility Relay.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated Arthur Street was identified as an area that needed repair sooner than anticipated. Several spots are separated. Some areas have cracks along the top edge of the pipes. The Engineering Department would like to add Arthur Street to Project 5-24 as an alternative bid and hoping to get favorable pricing for this work.

Motion by Antoine, seconded by Kilgas to add the utility relay on Arthur Street as an Alternative Bid for Project 5-24 Kenneth Avenue Utility Relay. All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

c. Authorization to seek bids for an athletic field groomer.

The park department has been grooming athletic fields with a compact tractor and drag attachments to prep baseball/softball fields before games and tournaments. With the time constraints of rain, maneuverability, and weight issues with the compact tractor, the field groomer is the right piece of equipment for the job. The groomer is a lighter three-wheel tractor with wider tires which allows staff to get on fields quicker after rain. The groomer also carries both attachments which allows the operator to change operations and transport to the next field without cleaning and lifting heavy drags onto a trailer. Questions from the Board were answered.

Motion by Moore, seconded by DeCoster to authorize the street superintendent to seek bids for one athletic field groomer.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

d. Public Works Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier thanked the Street Department crew for putting in extra hours working hard all weekend to get the snow cleaned up. There is no considerable progress to report on the Jonen Park pavilion or the pool renovations. A garbage truck recently had a hydraulic line leak on the area of Fieldcrest and Frances Street. This leak was contained and isolated by the Street Department. A more formal report on this will be brought back to the Board in the near future. Discussion held and questions answered.

e. Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – Pool Renovations.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to adjourn to closed session.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:15 p.m.

f. Return to open session for possible action.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to return to open session.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 6:25 p.m.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Eggleston, seconded by Coenen to adjourn.

All members voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Sally Kenney

Clerk