



City of Sidney, MT
Street and Alley Committee Meeting 4-25-22
April 25, 2022 5:00 PM
115 2nd Street SE |Sidney, MT 59270

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Others: Mayor Norby, PWD Hintz, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks, Brent Sukut and Josh McGaham with Sidney Public School, and Jordan Mayer with Interstate Engineering.

1. New Business

a. 4th Avenue Street Project

PWD Hintz mentioned that the curb and gutter expansion project over by the Sidney High School that the bids came in higher than what was expected, PWD Hintz said that what the city pays for curb and gutter projects, this project will be double that. PWD Hintz stated that the city public work employees will be providing the labor and MDU and Mid-Rivers Communications will be relocating their utility lines. PWD Hintz recommends to the board just award schedule one, then schedule two and three will happen over the next few years, PWD Hintz mentioned that the plans for schedule two and three are already inspected and ready to go. PWD Hintz said that the city may have to pay to relocate the power pole and for Mid-Rivers to move their phone line which but neither company have given the city the cost estimate to relocate those lines. PWD Hintz stated that he would love to see all three schedules be completed and not drag it out for a few years but, the prices are just horrible high and contractors are just too busy right now to take on any new work. Alderwoman Christensen said that this is a safety issue that needs to be addressed right away and that this project has been dragged on long enough.

Alderwoman Christensen stated that this is a terrible safety issue that needs to be addressed, Alderman DiFonzo said he understands where PWD Hintz is coming from but, the whole idea was to get this project completed through so we wouldn't continue to have traffic problems. Mr. Mayer stated that the city would provide half the cost to this project with materials and labor and the cost of labor isn't even included in the cost estimate. PWD Hintz said that if we award schedule one and two and leave schedule three for a later date, schedule three is important for buses getting in and out from that corner. Alderman DiFonzo stated that he wanted confirmation from the Sidney Public School that they will give up to \$130,000.00 or half the cost of the project, and Mr. Sukut

agreed to this with the City of Sidney providing labor and covering the rest of the other cost of this project. Alderman DiFonzo stated that this project will not become cheaper over the next years, schedule three is the cheapest portion of this whole project.

PWD Hintz said what if the city took out slope grading and save \$70,000.00, Mr. Mayer stated he asked Century Companies that asked and it came down to a coordination issue, Century Companies will be able to knock this project out in a couple of weeks. Mr. Mayer stated that he believes that schedule two and three could be done cheaper next year but, if comes down to the value of doing it now versus doing the project later. Alderman DiFonzo stated he asked for this project when he was Chief of Police three years ago then it was put off for two years because funding was not there, and it is becoming a traffic and safety issue. Mr. Sukut stated that the Sidney Public Schools will not be able to provide any more funding than what was presented earlier, PWD Hintz mentioned if all goes smooth and there are no change orders this project should not go over budget, this project will be funding out of new gas tax like BRSAA said Mayor Norby.

Alderman DiFonzo made a motion to award Century Companies on all three schedules to be completed this year along in corporation with Sidney Public Schools.

Motion made by DiFonzo, Seconded by Christensen.

Voting Yea: DiFonzo, Stevenson, Christensen.

Adjourned at 6:30pm.