

City of Watertown
Public Works Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Board at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Alders Board, Bartz, and Commissioner Thompson. Also present were Finance Director Mark Stevens, DPW Director/Engineer Andrew Beyer, Stormwater Project Manager Maureen McBroom, Stacy Winkleman Solid Waste Manager, Project Manager Richie Peltz, Bruce Hady of Hady Electric, Trevor Kearns Maas Construction Project Manager, Eric Graf Maas Brothers Risk Management, Chris Newberry, Nathan Williams City Civil Engineer, Zack Goodrow of Watertown Times, and one unidentified caller.

2. Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present

None Received.

3. Review and Approve Minutes

- A. Public Works meeting minutes from February 11, 2025.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Bartz, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business

- A. Review and take possible action: Award Contract #1-25 Base Bids A, B, C, D and Alternate Bid 1 to Century Fence for \$66,955.70.

One bid received.

Motion by Bartz, supported by Thompson, to award Pavement Marking contract #1-25 Base Bids A, B, C, D, and Alternate Bid 1 to Century Fence for \$66,855.70.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Review and take possible action: Award contract #2-25 Base Bid A, Alternate Bids 1 & 2 to Thunder Road LLC for \$33, 372.60.

Received four bids.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Bartz, to award the Rout and Crack Fill contract #2-25 Base Bid A, Alternate Bids 1 & 2 to Thunder Road LLC for \$33, 372.60.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Review and take possible action: Award contract #3-25 Alternate Bid C and Alternate Bid F to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC for \$136,814.44.

Received two quotes.

Motion by Board, supported by Thompson, to Award Seal Coating contract #3-25 Alternate Bid C and Alternate Bid F to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC for \$136,814.44.

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Review and take possible action: Award Contract #5-25 Base Bid A and Alternate Bids 1-3 to Green Bay Pipe and TV, LLC for \$110,286.75.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Bartz, to Award Sewer Cleaning and Televising Contract #5-25 Base Bid A and Alternate Bids 1-3 to Green Bay Pipe and TV, LLC for \$110,286.75

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Review and take possible action: Award Contract #6-25 Base Bids A, B, C & D and Alternate Bids 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 to Wolf Paving for \$526,049.78

Motion by Bartz, supported by Thompson, to Award Bituminous Surface Contract #6-25 Base Bids A, B, C & D and Alternate Bids 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 to Wolf Paving for \$526,049.78

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Review and take possible action: Award Contract #7-25 Base Bids A & B and Alternate Bid 1 to Visu-Sewer LLC for \$102,400.00

Motion by Thompson, supported by Bartz, to Review and take possible action: Award CIPP Lining Contract #7-25 Base Bids A & B and Alternate Bid 1 to Visu-Sewer LLC for \$102,400.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Review and take possible action: Award Contract #9-25 LRIP 2025/2026 Bituminous Surfacing Project 2025 Meadowbrook Drive to Wolf Paving for \$147,384.24.

\$58,000 of this project will be “refunded” by the state of Wisconsin to go back to the annual account reserves.

Motion by Board, supported by Thompson, to Award Contract #9-25 LRIP 2025/2026 Bituminous Surfacing Project 2025 Meadowbrook Drive to Wolf Paving for \$147,384.24.

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Review and Take Possible Action: Award Contract #11-25 Concrete Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk Base Bids A & B with Rennhack Construction for \$149,031.85.

For S. First Street Parking Lot and sidewalk reconstruction in other parts of the downtown.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Bartz, to Award Contract #11-25 Concrete Curb and Gutter and Sidewalk Base Bids A & B with Rennhack Construction for \$149,031.85.

Motion carried unanimously.

Alder Wetzel arrived at 5:48 p.m.

- I. Review and take possible action: Award 2025 Quarry Crushing Project to A. W. Oakes for \$126,790.00.

Motion by Thompson, supported by Wetzel, to Award 2025 Quarry Crushing Project to A. W. Oakes for \$126,790.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Update, no action required: 2025 Contracts.

Projects yet to come:

- Western Avenue and S. First Street
- Oakwood Lane Watermain extension
- Western Avenue raw water line currently being bid
- Plaza ADA ramp will be re-bid
- Many of the projects are under budget – will look at future additional projects.

- K. Review: Change Order Request from Hady Electric for Fire Station Project for cost not to exceed \$45,000.

Alder Board advised that the purpose of this item was for the commission to gain details as to the issues with the Cold Storage Building.

Attorney Chesebro introduced the issue – challenges with the bidding of the Storage Building at the Fire Station project.

Trevor Kearns, Maas Brothers Project Manager, detailed the issues with the Cold Storage Building Alternate, specifically related to the electrical bid.

Maas recommended accepting the Hady Electrical Proposal to do the work for \$44,791.81.

Bruce Hady reminded the commission that Hady Electric's base bid was \$220,000 below the second low bidder.

Hady will do the work for \$125/hour with 40% mark-up on materials. Mr. Kearns advised that the contract stipulates a 10% mark-up on materials.

- L. Convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(e) & (g) to deliberate or negotiate 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 and to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion by Bartz, supported by Wetzel, to go to closed session.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

M. Reconvene to Open Session.

**Motion by Bartz, supported by Wetzel, to reconvene into open session.
Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.**

N. Take possible action: Approve or Deny Change Order request from Hady Electric for Fire Station Project for cost not to exceed \$45,000.

Alder Board advised Maas Brothers and Hady Electric that the commission had concluded that the city has a contract with Maas, not Hady.

**Motion by Board, supported by Bartz, to authorize the City Attorney to negotiate with Maas Brothers for the cost of the Storage Building.
Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Adjournment

Motion by Thompson, supported by Wetzel, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.; respectfully submitted by Steve Board, Chair.