

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met on the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Brad Blanke, Dan Bartz, Myron Moldenhauer, and Tony Arnett; Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Tim Hayden, Richie Piltz.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** There were no comments received.
3. **Review & approve minutes dated April 8, 2025.** Mr. Bartz moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and take possible action: Sidewalk repair orders for 514 N. Water Street; 415 N. Sixth Street; 1508 Doctors Court.** Mr. Blanke moved to approve the repair orders for the properties listed. Mr. Bartz seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Review and take possible action: Award Rebidding of Plaza Phase II ADA Concrete Ramp Improvements Contract #10-25 Alternate Bid B to Maas Brothers Construction Co., Inc. For \$145,170.00** Engineering Project Manager Richie Piltz presented the bids received for the installation of the ADA concrete on the east side of the river, near the Main St. bridge. This project had been rebid because no bids were received the first time. It was put out to bid with 3 options. Staff recommended accepting the "Alternate B" bid from Mass Brothers for \$145,170 as best low bid received. Mr. Blanke asked what was the project budget, to which he was informed that \$400,000 had been budgeted. Mr. Blanke also asked why Alternate B was recommended, to which staff replied the cast concrete in Alternate B will last longer, and will allow the city to select a pattern to the concrete to reflect the nearby rip rap. Mr. Moldenhauer moved to recommend awarding the bid to Maas Brothers for \$145,170 for "Alternate B". Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, 5-0.
6. **Review and take possible action: Award bid for the 2025 Private Lead Service Line Project to Five Star Energy LLC.** Assistant Water Utility Manager Tim Hayden presented the bids received for the replacement of lead service lines throughout the city. The best low bid was received from Five Star Energy LLC in the amount of \$7,772,734. This is a 3-year project, continuing on work done the last few years, with the goal of replacing all lead service lines in the city. The prior round were 100% funded by the State of Wisconsin. This round is funded based on city census tracts, with tracts with lower average incomes receiving 100% State funding, and other tracts only 75% or 50%. Overall, the State will provide approximately 85% of the funding for this round, with the city portion amounting to \$1,250,000. The work in year will prioritize the properties with 100% State funding. Mr. Blanke asked where the city portion of the expense will come from. Mr. Hayden responded it will come from fund balance in the Water Utility and by deferring other Water Utility projects. The goal is to get this done without requiring a rate increase. Mr. Bartz asked if there were any concerns that the recommended contractor has 32 other projects like this going on (are they overcommitted?) Mr. Hayden answered they had inquired about this and the contractor provided assurances to be able to scale up to meet the work. Mr. Thompson asked if there were any concerns about the costs being 20% than other bidders. Mr. Hayden answered they had inquired to several communities who have use the same contractor and received positive reports. Mr. Bartz moved to recommend awarding the bid to Five Star Energy LLC for \$7,772,734. Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. It was noted that the resolution presented had an improperly worded last sentence indicating no city funding account was needed.

Chairperson Arnett offered a friendly amendment to change the last sentence to "A funding account for the city portion of the total cost will be determined once a SWDL award has been received from the State of Wisconsin." Mr. Bartz accepted the friendly amendment, as did Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote, 5-0.

7. **Adjournment.** Mr. Blanke moved to adjourn at 5:56 p.m., seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson