

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Present: Mayor Caron and Council Members Buhler, Danforth, Mantey & Weyh

Also Present: Council Members Albertson, Roby & Vilhauer, Shane Waterman, Kristen Bobzien, Colin Paulsen, Matt Roby, Mike Boerger, Allan Erickson, Dan Martell & others

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sarah Caron.

Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Motion was made by Beth Mantey and seconded by Mike Danforth to remove the Award of Contract for the Shooting Range Project from the Consent Agenda for discussion, and approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: minutes from the May 2, 2018 Public Works/Safety Committee meeting; authorization to advertise for bids for the 26th Street SE Project No. 1801-D (Endres Industrial Park); authorization to advertise for bids for the 13th Avenue SE Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project No. 1821 (Arendsee Addition);. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Josh Weyh and seconded by Beth Mantey to approve the agenda, with the addition of the Award of the Contract for the Shooting Range Project No.1619; all voted in favor and motion carried.

HDR Engineering Inc. presentation of the recommendations of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Administration Space Evaluation.

Wastewater and Solid Waste Superintendent Mike Boerger introduced the topic by explaining that this item was budgeted in 2018 for \$23,000, and was contracted to HDR Engineering for the engineering services. Allan Erickson, HDR, was present and presented the recommendations from the evaluation.

Bruce Buhler joined the meeting.

Allan Erickson explained that the project scope was to assess the space needs of the administration building and where a new building, if proposed, could be located. Also conducted was a limited structural evaluation of the operations maintenance shop. The shop was built in three phases over the years. It has significant structural issues. The parapet wall blew over in 2017, and the oldest part of the building has severe deterioration with a number of cracks that are forming as the building is shifting, and is in danger of collapse. Repairing the building to bring it up to code does not make financial sense. The administration building is 25 years old and has outgrown its functionality. Built by LATI as a project in 1993, it is more typical of a residential structure. Some of the issues identified are that it does not meet ADA requirements, does not have fire suppression system, has inadequate record storage, inadequate private office spaces, only one unisex bathroom, and no conference room or locker room facilities. Vehicle storage is inadequate with limited overhead height. Also, it is in an area away from the entrance gate and is difficult for visitors to find. A new building is proposed to be built in a more desirable location near the gates where there is adequate space. The proposed new building will have architecture to match the nearby pretreatment building, and will address the shortcomings of the current buildings. The cost of the new building would be approximately \$4.5 to \$5M. This is only a conceptual stage, so final costs could be different. Mike Boerger added that he will be assessing the financing to see if there are adequate funds to proceed with the project. Staff will research available SRF loan funds. If the project is feasible, it will be budgeted for design in 2019, with construction in a later year when finances are available. No action was taken.

SDDOT Traffic Study for intersection of Hwy 81 & Kemp Avenue.

As a follow-up to the February 20, 2018 Public Works Committee meeting, Dan Martell from the SDDOT presented the findings of the traffic study conducted at the intersection of Highway 81 and Kemp Avenue. An illustration of the traffic flow through and around the intersection was shown to the committee. This included a traffic simulation of the intersection with and without the signal after Kemp is changed to two-way traffic. A similar analysis was also done a few years ago, which came up with the same conclusion – that there will be no traffic problem created if the traffic signal is removed from this intersection. Therefore, the recommendation is that the traffic signal be removed and replaced with a pedestrian signal. Prior to the signal being removed, the intersection will have flashing lights so that people get used to the change in the intersection. Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Bruce Buhler to recommend removal of the traffic signal and replacing it with a pedestrian-activated signal; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Award of contract for the Shooting Range Project No. 1619 in the amount of \$364,995.00 to Rounds Construction.

City Engineer Shane Waterman reviewed the bid tab for the Shooting Range Project. Low bid was submitted by Rounds Construction in the amount of \$364,995.00, which is 50% lower than engineer's estimate. Motion was made by Beth Mantey and seconded by Mike Danforth to recommend awarding bid to Rounds Construction in the amount of \$364,995.00; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Since the bid came in so much lower than the engineer's estimate, a discussion was held on adding a 200 yd. lane to the existing project. Shane commented that the bays were placed so that additional bays could be added in the future. Staff will get cost estimates from engineering firms for the design, and have discussions with GF&P to see if they are willing to pay 75% for an additional bay.

Authorization for Mayor to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the SDGF&P regarding the Shooting Range Project No. 1619.

Staff requests authorization for the Mayor to sign a Joint Powers Agreement with the South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Service for the Shooting Range. The City's total cost of the project will be approximately \$91,000.00. Motion was made by Mike Danforth and seconded by Josh Weyh to recommend authorization for the Mayor to sign the Joint Powers Agreement; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Beth Mantey asked about putting in parking spaces for only compact car/motorcycle at the corners of intersections and possibly alleys on Kemp Avenue. This is because of safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists pulling out onto Kemp, when a large vehicle parks in first stall, and the line of sight is impeded. Mayor Caron stated that this will be looked into.

Dan Albertson stated he has received emails asking that the 40 mph speed limit on North Lake Drive be reduced. Glen Vilhauer added that he has also received emails and that he is suggesting that a group convene to evaluate the speed limits around the west and north sides of lake. Mayor Caron stated she has also received complaints.

Executive Session

None held.

Motion made by Josh Weyh and seconded by Bruce Buhler to adjourn meeting at approximately 1:05 p.m.; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider