

PUBLIC WORKS / FINANCE / SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 16, 2018

Present: Mayor Caron and Council Members Albertsen, Buhler, Danforth, Lalim, Mantey, Roby Solum, Vilhauer & Weyh

Also Present: Mike Boerger, Kristen Bobzien, Colin Paulsen, Matt Roby, Doug Ries & others

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sarah Caron.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Josh Weyh and seconded by Beth Mantey to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: minutes from the July 2, 2018 Public Works/Finance/Safety Committee meeting. All voted in favor and motion carried.

Public Comment

Doug Ries, 2803 5th Ave NW, addressed the committee about a letter he had received requesting him to repair the boulevard sidewalk adjacent to his property. Mr. Ries stated that in 1993, he and his neighbor, Mr. Brekke, split the cost of installing the sidewalk between their properties that leads to the park, but the boulevard sidewalk that runs parallel to the street and curves around to 28th Street was installed by the city, and is in disrepair. Mr. Ries feels that the sidewalk is sub-standard, and that the city should replace it. Also, he feels that the sub-standard sidewalk has caused issues with drainage, and this has undermined Mr. Brekke's driveway as it intersects the sidewalk. Mayor Caron explained that the ordinance requires adjacent property owners to install and maintain the boulevard sidewalks. The properties owned by Mr. Ries and Mr. Brekke are both corner lots, where normally a roadway would have been installed with sidewalks on both sides. In this case, the roadway was not required, but the north/south sidewalk to the park was. If the curved sidewalk was installed by taxpayers, that is a bonus that the property owners received, but to follow that up with expecting the taxpayers to forever be responsible for it, is not fair. If the council wants to make an exception, they can, but she advised that this sets a precedent where others may want the city to install their portion of the sidewalk. The city's responsibility is to request that a sidewalk be repaired by the property owners when a safety issue has been brought to their attention. After Mr. Ries left the meeting, the committee asked staff to do research to try and find details of when this sidewalk was installed, although it is expected that such records have not been kept.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion was made by Beth Mantey and seconded by Don Roby to approve the agenda; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Award of contract to AP & Sons Construction Inc. for the 13th Avenue SE Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project No. 1821.

Acting City Engineer Colin Paulsen reviewed the bid tab for the 13th Avenue SE Sanitary Sewer Project, which is an assessment project. Low bid was submitted by AP & Sons Construction in the amount of \$137,880.00. This is considerably higher than the Engineer's Estimate of \$99,800.00. The high bids would significantly increase each person's assessment, so it was discussed delaying a decision until staff could present this information to the property owners. Motion was made by Beth Mantey and seconded by Bruce Buhler to recommend removing this item from the council agenda; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Consideration of Change Order No. 2 with Duinick Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer Replacements Project No. 1808 in the amount of \$4125.00.

Colin Paulsen reviewed Change Order No. 2 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacements Project. The change is for the addition of five concrete collars around storm sewer joints on a sewer pipe that was found to be failing. The cost of the five concrete collars at \$825.00 each increases the contract amount by \$4,125.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$502,298.00. Motion was made by Don Roby and seconded by Glen Vilhauer to recommend approval of Change Order No. 2; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Request authorization for the Mayor to sign an application to place the Wastewater Treatment Facility Administration Building on the State Water Plan.

Wastewater and Solid Waste Superintendent Mike Boerger requests authorization for the Mayor to sign an application to place the Wastewater Treatment Facility Administration Building on the State Water Plan, which is the first step in securing funding. This is a follow-up to the May 16, 2018 Public Works / Safety Committee meeting, where a presentation and recommendation was given by HDR Engineering on the Wastewater Treatment Facility's Administrative Space Evaluation. Motion was made by Glen Vilhauer and seconded by Adam Lalim to recommend authorizing the Mayor to sign the application and all related documents to put this project on the State Water Plan; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

None held.

Motion made by Jon Solum and seconded by Josh Weyh to adjourn meeting at approximately 5:05 p.m.; all voted in favor and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider