

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ryan Austin

Sheri Evanson

Dennis Polach

Date of Meeting: 3/7/2023
Reported to Council: 3/21/2023

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via remote videoconference. Ryan Austin, Sheri Evanson, Dennis Polach, Tom Rayome, Jay Bemke, and Dean Veneman were in attendance. Others attending are listed below.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.

The reports were reviewed.

3. Review the 2023 Asphalt Paving Contract bid results and consider awarding the contract to the low, qualified bidder.

American Asphalt was the sole bidder with a bid of \$410,960.30. Motion by Evanson, second by Polach to award the 2023 Asphalt Paving Contract to American Asphalt in the amount of \$410,960.30 . Motion carried (3-0).

4. Review the 2023 Concrete Contract for Reconstruction Projects and consider awarding the contract to the low, qualified bidder.

The City received bids from S.D. Ellenbecker and Sommers Construction for the 2023 Concrete Contract for Reconstruction Projects. S.D. Ellenbecker was found to be the lowest qualifying bidder with a bid of \$561,462.00. Motion by Evanson, second by Polach to award the 2023 Concrete Contract for Reconstruction Projects to S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc. in the amount of \$561,462.00. Motion carried (3-0).

5. Review the 2023 Crushing Contract and consider awarding the contract to the low, qualified bidder.

The City received bids from seven contractors for the 2023 Crushing Contract. PGA, Inc. was found to be the lowest qualifying bidder with a bid of \$106,300.00. Motion by Austin, second by Polach to award the 2023 Crushing Contract to PGA, Inc. in the amount of \$106,300.00. Motion carried (3-0).

6. Review and consider installing sidewalk on the east side of 16th St S between E Riverview Expressway and 1,075 feet south.

Discussion was generally focused on the type of hard surface (asphalt/concrete) to be utilized, the width of the sidewalk/trail, and if the City or school district would be responsible for the cost of the proposed work. Motion by Evanson to install concrete sidewalk from Expressway to 1,000 feet south at same width as existing sidewalk to south, with the City levying special assessments to the school district for the cost of installing the sidewalk. Motion failed due to lack of a second motion. With the school district taking the responsibility of completing the work, motion by Austin, second by Polach to require the materials to be either concrete at the same width as sidewalk to the south or asphalt at the same width as the existing trail to the north. Motion carried (3-0).

7. Review the Wisconsin Rapids Rail Feasibility Study.

The rail feasibility study, including various alternatives the City could take to mitigate delays associated with rail traffic, was summarized. Costs associated with quiet zones were also discussed.

8. Review the concept drawings for Lincoln Street between E Riverview Expressway and E Grand Ave proposed for reconstruction in 2024.

Conceptual drawings for the upcoming Lincoln Street project were reviewed. There was some concern as to the location of the trail on the west side and the proximity to the existing homes and some preference to move the proposed trail to the east side of Lincoln Street, particularly north of Chestnut Street.

9. Review referral list.

The referral list was reviewed and updated.

10. Set next meeting date.

Next meeting was set for Thursday, April 13th, 2023 at 5pm.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Austin, second by Evanson to adjourn at 6:21 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

Others in attendance:

See sign-in sheet.