

Public Works Committee
Tuesday March 20, 2018 @ 4:30 PM
Hall of Fame Room, 381 E Main St

Members Present: Alderpersons Pat O'Connor, Michael Engelberger, Greg Jenson and Sid Boersma

Absent/Excused:

Staff: Mayor Olson, Public Works Director Brett Hebert, Planning Director Rodney Scheel and Vickie Erdahl

Guests: Emily Barr, Alder Tim Swadley and City Arborist John Kemppainen

Call to Order: *Jenson* called the meeting to order

1) **Communications:** *Hebert* reported:

- Downtown trash receptacles are being refurbished and will be completely installed by the end of this week.
- Schefelker Park will conduct a prairie burn weather permitting
- 45 different roads in the city have been slated to be crack filled.
- Crews installed drain tiles @ Dunkirk Ave Park in five areas. There are several springs in the park south of the playground area, but the tiles are working.

2) **Reports:** *Erdahl* stated street openings permits were on schedule for this time of year. The Yard Waste site will open on April 3rd with permits still priced @ \$20.00 each.

Old Business:

3) **Public Works Facility Update:** *Hebert* reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting with the contractor on March 22, 2018 to discuss the project. The plan is to start the work in early April with occupancy by the end of 2018 or early 2019.

New Business:

4) **Approve February 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Motion by O'Connor, seconded by Boersma to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0 (Mayor voted yes)

5) **Discussion and Approval of the 2018 Road Construction Budget Reallocation and Recommendation to Award Contract 1-2018 to Maddrell Excavating LLC:** *Hebert* stated there was only one bid received for Contract 1-2018 Road Construction Projects from Maddrell Excavating, LLC for \$1,756,948.00. This bid was higher than what was budgeted for by the amount of \$461,820.00. Monies from other CIP street and stormwater projects from previous years will be re-allocated to cover this shortfall.

Contract 2 is currently out for bid with bids due back by March 29th. If these bids come in too high, plans can be shelved and rebid in 2019.

Contract 3 with Dane County already has firm pricing in place.

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by O'Connor to recommend to the Common Council to approve Contract 1 of the 2018 Road Construction and award the bid to Maddrell Excavating LLC for the amount of \$1,756,948.00 after re-allocating \$470,769.00 from

unspent capital funds from previous street and stormwater construction projects..
Motion carried 5-0 (with the Mayor voting yes).

- 6) **Review and Approval of the City's Annual DNR General Stormwater Permit:** *Scheel* discussed the application for the permit stating that we have updated ordinances, inspect our outfalls and continue other preventive maintenance for phosphorus removal. The city also works with Yahara Wins.

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Boersma to approve the Annual DNR General Stormwater Permit. Motion carried 5-0 (with the Mayor voting yes).

Scheel left the meeting at 5:15 pm to attend another road construction meeting.

- 7) **EAB Tree Treatment Discussion and Recommendation by the Tree Commission:** *Hebert* explained that the city has a two year EAB budget for tree removal and replacement which will end this year. There has been a discussion at the Tree Commission on how best to utilize these funds and whether the city should continue treating its ash trees due to budgetary constraints and survivability which comes out of the regular operating budget. Originally 140 trees were treated since 2014 and only 97 have survived.

The city arborist developed four options and costs involved. Option 1) remove and replace all trees, Option 2a) Treat Trees with TreeAzin, Option 2b) treat trees with TreeAge (contracted), 2c) treat trees (in-house), Option 3a) Remove and Replace over 16" treat remaining with TreeAzin, 3b) Remove and Replace over 16" and treat remaining with TreeAge (contracted), 3c) Remove and Replace over 16" and treat remaining with TreeAge (in-house), Option 4a) Remove and Replace under 16" and treat remaining with TreeAzin, 4b) Remove and Replace under 16" and treat remaining with TreeAge (contracted), 4c) Remove and Replace under 16" and treat remaining with TreeAge (in-house).

The Tree Commission developed a fifth option which was to treat the remaining 97 ash trees with TreeAzin (which is plant based and environmentally friendly) and also plant 97 trees throughout the city now from the EAB funds to be proactive if the trees do not survive.

City Forester, *John Kemppainen*, stated that TreeAzin is not as effective as TreeAge and because these 97 trees are .01% of the urban forest the chemical would not affect the pollinators. John stated that the city staff can now use TreeAge without a license but would have to purchase the equipment for the product and even with these costs it would be less costly than TreeAzin and more effective. With the TreeAge product the first year all the trees would be injected and after that they would need to be injected every other year. With TreeAzin the trees would have to be injected every year.

Committee asked questions regarding survivability and what other communities were doing. John stated other communities were already using the TreeAge and that the 97 trees are small to medium and have a good chance of survival if a better product was used. These trees will be analyzed yearly as to their status.

Motion by Engelberger, seconded by Boersma to recommend Option 2c – treat the trees with TreeAge with yearly analysis by city forester. Motion carried 5-0 (with Mayor voting yes).

- 8) **Discussion and Approval to modify the trash and recycling receptacles downtown to trash only:** *Hebert* stated that the downtown trash cans are not being utilized properly. These trash cans are divided to accept trash on one side and recyclables on the other. John's Disposal has noticed on their weekly pick up and stated that the trash side fills up and people are co-mingling trash in the recyclable side which makes them non-recyclable.

Currently there are 25 divided trash cans downtown which *Hebert* is requesting that they be modified to trash only.

Several members of the committee stated that they have gotten requests for a specific recycle can and would like there to be a few strategically placed downtown.

Directed staff to look into having separate recyclable trash cans and the cost involved and place on April's agenda.

- 9) **Discussion and Approval to Accept the Cemetery Rules Draft Changes:** *Hebert* stated that he has modified and updated the Cemetery Rules and Regulations with formatting and tile changes and also made the following changes to Section d – Monuments, Markers and Vaults # v regarding contractors placing headstones be responsible for repairing the site when completion of headstone being placed and Section e – Conduct of the Public in Cemeteries # iv to now allow pets in the cemetery as long as they are contained.

Motion by O'Connor, seconded to by Engelberger to recommend to the Common Council to accept the revision to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations as presented. Motion carried 5-0 (with Mayor voting yes).

- 6) **Future Agenda Items:** PW Facility Update , 2018 Street Reconstruction, Trash Cans

Moved by Boersma seconded by O'Connor to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 pm. Motion carried 4-0. Respectfully submitted by Vickie Erdahl Administrative Assistant – 3/21/18.