

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chair Antoine on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

Alders present: Antoine, DeCoster (Zoom), Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, Schumacher, and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Street Superintendent Van Gompel, Com. Enrich. and Rec. Director Vosters, Fin. Dir./ Treasurer Roehl, Mark. and Com. Manager FencI, Accountant Schomaker, IT Manager Taplin, HR Director Hodge, Police Chief Krueger, Library Dir. Thiem-Menning, and interested citizens.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Recommendation to award bid for replacement of Unit # 31 Snowgo Snowblower.

The Street Department opened bids for the replacement of our current 25yr old loader mounted snow blower on September 16th. There were four bids received from three different suppliers. With a cost difference of \$60,000 between the highest and lowest bid, and each machine having different configurations and capabilities, staff requested demos from all three suppliers. Two of the three were able to provide this request. After evaluating bid packets and operations of the machines demo, the Street Department determined that the Larue D50 from MacQueen Equipment best fit our operational needs.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Thiele to authorize the Street Superintendent to award bid from MacQueen Equipment for the base bid for the stock unit for \$246,402.00

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Recommendation to award bid for new UTV.

With the additional staff needed to complete park maintenance during the growing season the Street Department determined the addition of a UTV would provide the best versatile and efficient vehicle for these operations. Fairchild Equipment, Riesterer & Schnell Inc, and Service Motor Company were the three suppliers that submitted bids for the September 16th opening. Through evaluations of the three vehicles staff determined John Deere to be the best option for our operations.

Motion made by Schell, seconded by Kilgas to authorize the Street Superintendent to award bid from Riesterer & Schnell Inc. for the base bid of \$31,941.86

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

c. Authorization to seek bids for LaFollette Park Improvements.

LaFollette Park is a great local park with playground equipment, pickleball courts, basketball court, restrooms, a rental pavilion, along with other amenities and great views. This park is located along Kenneth Avenue at Park Street and has close ties to the downtown, bus routes, the Nelson trail, and future bike lanes, giving us an opportunity to make it a destination for local and regional users. The park has aging restroom facilities, basketball surface, parking lot, and walking trails that all need updates to bring the park back up to safe and accessible conditions.

City staff has been working with McMahon Associates to develop plans for site improvements and a new pavilion/restroom building. We are nearing completion of plans and specifications and are looking for authorization to seek bids for multiple improvements over the next few months.

McMahon and city staff believe there would be cost savings by bidding the work in up-to three projects. By separating the work, we allow building contractors, site work contractors, and specialized landscapers to each bid on their own specific work items rather than one large project which could greatly reduce the number of qualified bidders and would likely increase costs.

Motion made by Eggleston, seconded by Moore to authorize the Engineering Department to seek bids for LaFollette Park Improvement projects.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

d. Public Works Updates.

DPW/ Engineer Neumeier provided public works updates. Wayfinding signs have gone up in the roundabouts and parks with several more to go. The concrete sidewalk contractor will be finishing up soon. The Daughters of the American Revolution are providing a new monument. The street department has poured a base for the monument; structural design of the base was donated by McMahon Associates. In addition to this monument some plantings and benches will be going in.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Moore, seconded by Schell to adjourn.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk