

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chairperson Thiele on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Antoine, Coenen, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, and Thiele.

Absent & Excused: DeCoster

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Finance Dir. Van Rossum, Planner Stephenson (via Zoom), HR Dir. Swaney (via Zoom), Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Carrel (via Zoom), Street Foreman Nelson, Clerk Kenney and interested citizens.

Motion by Coenen, seconded by Kilgas to excuse the absent member.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Award Bid for Project 2-23, Kenneth Avenue Area Relay-Phase 3.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated the Engineering Department has compared the seven bids received against the engineer's estimate. The two lowest bidders are within \$23,271.75 with their base bid, and within \$48,073.27 for their alternate bid, which is a good indication that they are competitive, yet the City is also getting a much better price. All seven bids were within \$367,042.60 of one another, again showing the competitiveness and good prices. The engineer's estimate is compiled utilizing previous years' prices and adjusted for inflation and changes in work descriptions, and all seven bids were lower than that estimate. The comparison file showing the pricing differences between the received bids and the engineer's estimate was provided.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to award Project 2-23 Kenneth Avenue Area Utility Relay – Phase 3 to Carl Bowers & Sons, Kaukauna, WI for Unit A of the Base Bid, an amount of \$779,494.25 and all Alternate Bid Units (AA, BB, and CC) an amount of \$1,671,208.78 for a total bid price of \$2,450,703.03.

All members present voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Authorization to seek bids for Project #6-23: LaFollette Park Playground Renovation.

American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds of \$350,000 were proposed to renovate a playground in an area of the City that historically has more disadvantaged children. Staff sought information from the School District and found that LaFollette Park would be the best option for this renovation. Staff has been in contact with three vendors to evaluate a LaFollette Park playground renovation, potential layouts, and different equipment/amenities available. We are generating a final specifications manual with guidelines for the type of equipment, playground surfacing, and site amenities we would want to see installed. City staff will save costs by performing some of the site work in and around the playground area in conjunction with the project. Currently, staff is seeking authorization to seek competitive bids for providing a final design/layout based on specifications, the furnishing and installing of park equipment, and related surfacing work, utilizing funds made available by the ARPA funding. Questions from the Board were answered.

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Schell to authorize staff to seek bids for Project #6-23: LaFollette Park Playground Renovation.
All members present voted aye.
Motion carried.

c. Alley Project Utility Discussion/Direction.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier indicated that the City is looking to improve some vacant lot spaces on Second and Third Street and make these spaces more usable by the public. In conjunction with this, on the CIP this year is to repave the alley between Second and Third Street. Staff would like to bury the utility lines during this process to add to the beautification process. The estimated cost to bury the lines is \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Questions from the Board were answered.

d. Application for Sidewalk Builders License to Dan Verbeten Construction.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Coenen to approve the Sidewalk Builders License to Dan Verbeten Construction.
All members voted aye.
Motion carried.

e. Update to Disposal Site Agreement and Online Renewal Fee.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier provided the Municipal Disposal Site Use Agreement and changes proposed. The City Attorney worked with Superintendent VanGompel to create a more thorough agreement. The fee was also discussed and proposed to be the same for both in-person and online registrations.

Questions from the Board were answered.

f. Public Works Update.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated that traffic signal upgrades were done at the Catherine, Taylor, and Lawe Street lights, and they are now up to current standards.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier also thanked Street Superintendent VanGompel for his quick thinking with the recent fire in a garbage truck. His quick thinking led to no damage to the garbage truck and no injuries to the crew. The debris from the truck was dumped and the fire quickly put out by the fire department.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Antoine, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn.
All members present voted aye.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Christina Nelson
Deputy Clerk