

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to order by Chairperson Thiele on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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

Absent & Excused: DeCoster and Moore.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Davidson, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, HR Dir. Swaney, Lib. Dir. Thiem-Menning, Street Sup. Van Gompel, Equip. Mechanic Hirschy, Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Carrel, and interested citizens.

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

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

1. Correspondence – none.

2. Discussion Topics.

a. Authorization to seek bids for replacement of Tractor 105.

Street Superintendent Van Gompel stated the Street Department has been using this multi-purpose tractor for ten years. The tractor has had multiple problems and is down for long periods of times due to its year-round use and issues with parts being available. MB no longer manufactures a multi service vehicle. All parts need to be manufactured to order. This is a critical piece of equipment for lawn mowing, leaf collection and sidewalk snow removal. Questions from the Board were answered.

Motion by Antoine, seconded by Eggleston to authorize the Street Department to seek bids for a 2022 or newer MSV with attachments.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

b. Authorization to seek bids for replacement of Tractor 24.

Street Superintendent Van Gompel stated Tractor 24 is a year-round tractor used for multiple tasks like snow removal, loading of materials and landscaping projects. The tractor has been in operation for 12 years with the department and showing signs of its use; including decreased power and corrosion to its body. Its back box scraper attachment has been saved and used on multiple tractors in the past and has been repaired several times. Discussion was held and questions answered.

Motion by Schell, seconded by Coenen to authorize the Street Department to seek bids for a 2022 or newer 74 horse 4x4 Tractor with attachments.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

c. Recommendation on Award of Project 11-22 Jonen Park Pavilion.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated six bids for the Jonen Park Pavilion were received. The bid totals were significantly higher than the original budgeted amounts. With these numbers, McMahon and Associates was directed to work with the contractors to find cost savings and redesign parts of the building to come in closer to budget numbers.

Motion by Coenen, seconded by Kilgas to reject all bids for Project 11-22 Jonen Park Pavilion and come back to the Board of Public Works with a redesign and new budget numbers.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

d. 2023 Urban Forestry Grant.

DPW/Eng. Neumeier provided background on the grant. Regular urban forestry grants support projects that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees. Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribes and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in or conducting their project in Wisconsin may apply for a regular urban forestry grant. The grant would be for the partial cost of taking down trees affected by the Emerald Ash Borer, replanting of trees and education. A formal resolution will be on the Common Council agenda giving formal authorization to apply for this grant.

Motion by Kilgas, seconded by Antoine to authorize DPW/Eng. Neumeier to apply for the 2023 Urban Forestry Grant.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

e. Seawall – Professional Services.

The City of Kaukauna is proposing McMahon Associates, Inc. proceed with final design of a timber seawall/dock structure in the navigational canal west of the Lawe Street Bridge and connection to the existing recreational trail along the canal based on the conceptual design provided. Discussion was held and questions answered.

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Schell to authorize DPW/Eng. Neumeier to enter into the agreement with McMahon Associates, Inc. and proceed with services for final design of a timber seawall/dock structure.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Alder Thiele thanked City staff and volunteers for their hard work in making all activities in the City on Saturday, October 1, 2022 successful.

3. Adjourn.

Motion made by Coenen, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Sally Kenney
Clerk