

Public Works Committee
February 20, 2020

Present: Heinrich, Brubakken, Buchanan, Phillips, Steele, Geroux, Hellekson, Blackmore, Edinger, Laber, Liebig, Lipetzky, Michel, Reuther, Rowell, Sveum, Veil, and Hournbuckle.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chair Brubakken convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Phillips moved to recommend the City Council approve the 2020 Jamestown Standard Specifications as prepared by the City Engineer. Seconded by Steele. Justin Liebig, City Engineering Technician II, stated that there were slight changes to the water and paving specifications. Joe Rowell, Water Superintendent, stated that there were updated water pressure specifications for private service lines. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council approve the following for 2020 Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter District #20-11:

- 1) To set up and establish the district;
- 2) To direct the City Engineer to prepare plans & specifications for the construction of the district;
- 3) To accept and approve the plans and specifications, as prepared by the City Engineer, for the construction of the district; and
- 4) To direct the City Administrator to advertise for bids for the construction of the district.

Seconded by Steele. Darrell Hournbuckle, Senior Project Engineer, Interstate Engineering, Inc., said the project may be modified depending upon the flood outlook. The bid opening is scheduled for March 31, 2020. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Phillips moved to recommend the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids for the 2020 City of Jamestown Watermain Improvement Project 20-61. Seconded by Steele. Hournbuckle explained that this project may be modified depending upon the flood outlook. The bid opening is scheduled for March 31, 2020. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Steele moved to recommend the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids for the North Dakota State Hospital (NDSH) Watermain Improvement Project 20-62. Seconded by Phillips. Hournbuckle, Senior Project Engineer, Interstate Engineering, Inc., explained that this project was delayed one year to allow the state legislature to authorize the special assessments for the project. All specials will be assessed to the state except for a small portion which is a benefit and cost only to the City. The bid opening is scheduled for March 31, 2020. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Phillips moved to recommend the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids for the Generator Project for the Master Lift Station. Seconded by Steele. Hournbuckle explained that Interstate Engineering, Inc., was asked to be involved through this specification and bidding process. The bid opening is scheduled for March 31, 2020. The equipment takes 14 weeks to build, so the expected completion date is December 2020. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the advertisement for bids for Lift Station No. 20 Replacement Project. Seconded by Steele. Hournbuckle explained that this project involves the lining and separation of the wet well and main lift due to concerns about the high water table. The bid opening is scheduled for March 31, 2020. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Buchanan moved to draft and consider an emergency protection policy for the City of Jamestown. Seconded by Steele. Brubakken requested that the City Administrator and City Attorney's Office have a draft resolution at the March City Council meeting. Members expressed concerns about liability, risk, responsibility for damages and mitigation costs, and broaden the scope of discussion. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Phillips moved to recommend the City Council approve changing the 2020 Citywide Residential Curbside Clean Up to a Residential Drop Off at the Baler Facility. Seconded by Heinrich. Sanitation Foreman Michel stated that department heads had concerns that potential flood operations would require attention and debris in the street could impede those operations. Michel and Street Foreman Lipetzky developed plans to accept the same items at the baler during expanded hours Monday through Saturday, May 11 through May 16, 2020. Heinrich commented that the origin of the event was to reduce vector issues like mosquitoes and was meant to be a one-time occurrence. Heinrich stated that frequent setout violations made the event increasingly more expensive and difficult for the city. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

A public hearing is scheduled at the March 2, 2020, City Council meeting concerning Seal Coat, Patching, Construction & Reconstruction District 20-41.

Hournbuckle responded to questions about the City's grant request for the James River Bank Stabilization Project.

Heinrich moved to recommend the City Council approve the request from Rodney Pettys, 916 2nd Ave NW, to extend the February 20, 2020, removal date for a floodway encroaching structure to February 28, 2021. Seconded by Buchanan. Mr. Pettys stated that because the river has not iced over, he cannot safely remove the structure and would do so if he could. Pettys objected that similar structures in the river have not been required to be removed. Phillips stated that the structure is an issue during flooding and should be removed. Voice vote showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Phillips), 0 absent. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Sarah Hellekson, City Administrator