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Monday, March 25, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

The Committee of the Whole met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers in City Hall. Present at roll call were: Weigel, Dachtler, Weber, Mock, Marshall, Sande and Vein (via phone) – 7; absent – None.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Sande.

2.0 Flood Update, Declaration of Flood Emergency

Al Grasser, City Engineer, provided information on the preparations for the anticipated flood. A meeting was held earlier today with representatives from the State of ND including National Guard and Department of Emergency Services (ND DES) in regards to resources and support that could be available from state agencies. A website to communicate flood related information has been set up and will be updated as needed with new information. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Fire Station 5 to provide information on flood efforts for the Shadyridge area, which lies on the river side of the flood protection system.

2.1 Legislative Update

Vein provided an update on legislative bills. SB2275, which would have provided a low interest loan program which could have been used for funding local projects was defeated in the House. There is conversation that this may come back before the end of the session and we will continue to monitor action. Vein stated that he will be attending the hearing for State Water Commission bill and also discussions on the funding for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. He noted that actions are coming quickly on some bills as the session is nearing completion so we are diligently watching bills affecting Grand Forks and providing input to our legislators as needed.

Weber expressed appreciation to Vein for his efforts in support of bills affecting the city and agreed that we need to stay aware of actions so that we get information to our legislative team as quickly as possible so they can review it prior to votes occurring on matters.

2.2. Cost Participation Maintenance Agreement for Project No. 7956, ADA Curb Ramps for Washington Street (Hammerling to 8th Ave N)

Mark Walker, Asst. City Engineer, explained that last year the ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) accepted our request to move up the repair project on South Washington which had been previously scheduled for a future year. Due to the timing of the construction, the work to install ADA curb ramps that would have accompanied that paving project was held until this year. This agreement is a standard agreement with NDDOT which identifies responsibilities for payments of project cost and maintenance for the project once completed. This project has a 10% city share, with the remainder being 80.93% Federal funding and 9.07% State funding. Bids are currently scheduled to be opened June 14 in Bismarck with construction in the 2019 construction season. There may be a delay in start due to a need for right-of-way acquisition in some areas where the sidewalk is narrower.

Motion by Weber, second by Weigel, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2.3. Award Bids:

a) Project No. 8005, 2019 City Sidewalks

Shane Duchscher, Project Engineer, gave a brief overview of the project which will install new sidewalks and replace existing sidewalks in need of repair at various locations throughout the city. Sidewalks included are either requested by the property owner or in areas identified by the City as needing replacement or installation. This project is 100% special assessed to the property owner. Bids for the project were opened on March 18, 2019 with low bid submitted by Miller Motivations in the amount of

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\$254,160.00, which was 15% below the engineer's estimate. Staff recommends awarding the contract to the low bidder Miller Motivations.

Motion by Marshall, second by Dachtler, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Project No. 8006, 2019 ADA Curb Ramps

Shane Duchscher, Project Engineer, gave a brief review of the project which is an annual project to install ADA curb ramps in areas where they have been found to be in need of repair or replacement and has been expanded to include sidewalks due to the number of requests from residents for replacement of their sidewalks. Bids were opened on March 11, 2019 with the low bid submitted by Tony Anderson Construction in the amount of \$110,930.00 which was 23% above the engineer's estimate. The ADA portion of the project is 100% city funded from the Sidewalk Repair Fund 4891. The sidewalk portion of the project will be 100% assessed to requesting homeowners. Staff recommends award of bid to the low bidder Tony Anderson Construction.

Marshall asked whether there was a reason why the bids fluctuate either more or less than the engineer's estimate and in number of bidders for a project. Duchscher stated that it just depends on interest in the project, that this is a smaller project and would not expect a different result if it was rebid.

Motion by Weigel, second by Mock, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Project No. 8007, 2019 Asphalt Street Repairs

Shane Duchscher, Project Engineer, gave a brief review of the project which is an annual project to repair asphalt streets at various locations throughout the city as needed. Bids for the project were opened on March 11, 2019 with the low bid submitted by Opp Construction in the amount of \$116,779.00, which was 11% below the engineer's estimate. This project is funded 100% city share from the Street & Infrastructure Fund 4815. Staff recommends awarding the contract to low bidder Opp Construction.

Motion by Mock, second by Marshall, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

d) Project No. 8008, 2019 Concrete Street Repairs

Shane Duchscher, Project Engineer, gave a brief overview of the project which is an annual project to repair various areas of concrete pavement throughout the city as needed. Bids for the project were opened on March 18, 2019 with the low bid submitted by MAK Construction in the amount of \$159,320, which was 6% above the engineer's estimate. The project is funded 100% city share from the Street & Infrastructure Fund 4815. Staff recommends award to the low bidder MAK Construction.

Motion by Weigel, second by Weber, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

e) Project No. 8015, District No. 730, 2019 Mill & Overlay

Dave Kuharenko, Principal Civil Engineer, gave a brief overview of the project which will mill and overlay S 17th St from 17th Ave S to Continental Dr and Willow Drive. Bids for the project were opened on March 18, 2019 with the low bidder being Opp Construction in the amount of \$287,660.00, which was approximately 4% over the engineer's estimate. The project will be 80% city share from the Street & Infrastructure Fund 4815 and 20% special assessed to benefitting properties. Staff recommends awarding the contract to low bidder Opp Construction.

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Motion by Marshall, second by Mock, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

f) Project No. 8019, District No. 8019, District No. 736, Paving/Street Lights on Cherry St (11-17th Ave S)

Dave Kuharenko, Principal Civil Engineer, gave a brief overview of the project which will reconstruct pavement on Cherry St from 14th to 17th Ave S, mill and overlay pavement on Cherry St from 11th to 14th Ave S, and replace street lights from 11th to 17th Ave S. Bids were opened on March 18, 2019 with a low bid of \$1,097,677.43 submitted by Strata Corporation, which was 9% below the engineer's estimate. CPS Engineering has been hired to administer this project. The project including engineering cost is funded 80% city share and 20% special assessed to benefitting properties. Staff recommends awarding the project to low bidder Strata Corporation.

Weber asked if there was if there was a reason lighting was being replaced in this area. Kuharenko stated that since this is a collector street, it is policy to update lighting when the road work is done.

Motion by Weber, second by Dachtler, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

2.4. Approve Plans & Specifications:

a) Project No. 7974, Concrete Panel Replacement on Washington St. (8th Ave N-Gateway Dr)

Mark Walker, Asst. City Engineer, gave a brief project overview, that this is a state project that will repair/replace panels on concrete pavement in disrepair on Washington St from 8th Ave N to Gateway Dr. There is a 10% local share of \$92,000 on this project. Bids for this project will be opened on April 12, with a review and concurrence from City Council at their April 15 meeting.

Motion by Weber, second by Dachtler, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

b) Project No. 7954, Traffic Signals/Turn Lanes (DeMers and Columbia West Ramps)

Mark Walker, Asst. City Engineer, gave a brief project overview, that this is a state project that will install traffic signals and turn lanes at the DeMers Ave and Columbia Road West Ramps. There is a 10% city share on this project, which is estimated to be approximately \$76,000, to be funded from the Street/Infrastructure Fund 4815. The improvement will make the entrance to The Boden serve as the fourth leg of the intersection and allow for cars exiting the parking lot of The Boden to make left turns or proceed straight ahead. It will also improve flow for left turns west onto DeMers Ave from the Columbia Ramps. Vein commented that this will improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection. Walker stated that bids for this project will be opened by the DOT on April 12, with concurrence of City Council being requested at the April 15 meeting.

Motion by Vein, second by Weigel, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

c) Project No. 7953, Traffic Signals/Turn Lanes at Gateway Dr & North 55th St

Mark Walker, Asst. City Engineer, gave a brief review of the project, which will install traffic signals and turn lanes at Gateway Dr and N 55th Street. The project is a state project and there is no local share to the city. Bids for the project will be opened by the state on April 12 and concurrence of the bid award will be brought to the City Council at their April 15 meeting.

Motion by Weigel, second by Weber, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

d) Project No. 7750, DeMers Avenue Reconstruction (Sorlie Bridge to 6th Ave N)

Mark Walker, Asst. City Engineer, gave a brief review of the project, which will reconstruct DeMers Avenue from the Sorlie Bridge to 6th Ave N, from building face to building face. This is a NDDOT project, which the City will have bids opened on April 12 and concurrence of the award by City Council at the April 15 meeting. The project funding includes federal and state funding, with the City share being just over \$800,000.

Council Member Sande asked whether there are any items included in the bid for early completion. Walker explained that the state did include both incentives for early completion, as well as disincentives for late completion of the contract. The incentives should encourage the contractor to complete the work so the street and parking can be back in place as soon as possible.

Motion by Weber, second by Dachtler, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2.5 Engineer's Report for Project No. 7922, District No. 556, Storm Sewer for Intersection of 12th Avenue North and North 53rd Street

Jonathan Olson, Project Engineer, explained that this project was recently bid, with only one bid received which was more than 40% above the engineer's estimate and was rejected. The Engineer's Report has been revised to more accurately reflect the total construction cost for the project and staff requests acceptance of the report and authorization to rebid the project.

Motion by Weber, second by Weigel, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2.6 Create Special Assessment District for Project No. 7799, District No. 717, Paving N 62nd Street (Gateway Dr to 500 ft. North)

Jonathan Olson, Project Engineer, explained that this project is coming forward at the request of the property owner, 62nd Street is a collector street so the funding for the project will be 80% city share and 20% special assessed to the benefitting properties. Total cost for the project is estimated to be \$259,000.

Motion by Marshall, second by Mock, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2.7 Award Bid #2019-7 Water Meters and Encoded Receiver Transmitters (ERT's)

Dan Hanson, Water Distribution Supervisor, explained that this is an annual bid for meters and ert's for installation in new construction and for replacement meters. Staff recommendation is to award the bid to low bidder for each category of meter, as follows: Water meters, quantity 249, Barger Meter for \$54,099.00; ERT's - 100WE ERT's, quantity 300, Badger Meter for \$82.00 each, total \$24,600.00; ERT's – 100 WP ERT's, quantity 500, Itron Inc. for \$87.50 each, for a total of \$43,750.00.

Motion by Mock, second by Dachtler, to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Marshall reminded everyone of the Flood Information meeting to be held at Fire Station 5 on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. and that it will contain information on flood preparation plans for the Shadyridge Neighborhood who were especially encouraged to attend.

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Weber reminded everyone of the Near Southside Neighborhood meeting to share information on the traffic studies that have been done for the neighborhood. Approximately 1,100 postcards have been sent to residents of the area. The meeting will be held in City Council Chambers Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Marshall, second by Dachtler, to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherie Lundmark
City Clerk