

The Committee of the Whole met on Monday, October 24th, 2022, at 6:05 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Sande. Present at roll call were: Weigel, Osowski, Weber, Lunski, Kvamme, Sande, Vein -7

2.1 Reappointment of Shawn Klapp to visit Greater Grand Forks Board of Directors

Staff recommended action is to reappoint Shawn Klapp to serve on the Visit Greater Grand Forks Board of Directors through December 31, 2025.

Motion by Weber, second by Kvamme. Motion carried unanimously

2.2 Plans and Specifications for City Projects 8559 (District 591) – Sanitary Sewer; 8560 (District 356) – Watermain; 8561 (District 592) – Storm Sewer; 8562 (District 767) – Paving and Street Lights; and 8563 (District 593) – Box Culvert for Southern Estates 9th Addition

Staff recommended action is to approve plans and specifications and direct Engineering Department to advertise for bids for City Projects 8559 (District 591) – Sanitary Sewer; 8560 (District 356) – Watermain; 8561 (District 592) – Storm Sewer; 8562 (District 767) – Paving and Street Lights; and 8563 (District 593) – Box Culvert for Southern Estates 9th Addition. All costs for this project, except for a City cost share for the box culvert, will be special assessed to the benefitting properties.

Motion by Vein, second by Kvamme. Motion carried unanimously

2.3 Plans & Specifications for City Project No. 8359 – Urban Signal Rehab

Staff recommended action is to approve Plans & Specifications and authorize staff to direct NDDOT with advertising for bids for City Project No. 8359 – Urban Signal Rehab. David Kuharenko (Assistant City Engineer), spoke about the rehabilitation of the signal systems at 12 intersections citywide utilizing approximately \$2.36m of federal funding through NDDOT. Techniques expected to be used include but are not limited to sandblasting & painting, new cable & conduit, new controllers, new signal heads, new camera equipment, and entirely new signal systems where financially feasible.

Motion by Kvamme, second by Vein. Motion carried unanimously

2.4 Bids for City Project No. 8243 – Chip Seal on N 5th St (2nd Ave N to Gateway Dr)

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Staff recommended action is to concur in award of contract to low bidder, Asphalt Surface Technologies, in the amount of \$673,024.72 for City Project No. 8243 – Chip Seal on N 5th St (2nd Ave N to Gateway Dr). David Kuharenko (Assistant City Engineer) brought forward information about the projected cost for Project 8243 which is \$171,794.76. He mentioned that this project will have a federal funding cap of \$80,000 which the City will be responsible for 10% of costs that exceed the federal cap on this project. The anticipated City cost for this project is \$9,179.48. The City share will be funded through Fund 4815 – Street & Infrastructure where \$10,000 is currently budgeted. He also stated that The City will assume maintenance of the road once the project is completed where construction is expected to take place during the 2023 construction season.

Motion by Osowski, second by Lunski. Motion carried unanimously

2.5 Change Order No. 8 for City Project No. 8074 – Flashing School Beacons

Staff recommended action is to approve change order No. 8 in the amount of \$33,240.95, approve any necessary budget amendments, and reset the City Engineer's change order authority for City Project No. 8074 – Flashing School Beacons. David Kuharenko (Assistant City Engineer), brought forward information about the increase in the contract amount for project 8074 due to the existing fiber which, required splicing and other work to make the proper connections. Negotiations were conducted with the contractor, and staff was able to reach an agreement with the contractor where rather than the City paying for 100% of the fiber connection, the cost will be split 50/50 with the contractor. The price of the City's half of this work is \$33,240.95. The cost of this change order was compared to similar work in the area, and it was determined that this price is reasonable.

Motion by Vein, second by Kvamme Motion carried unanimously

2.6 City of Grand Forks State Legislative Priorities

Staff recommended action is to review and approve the Attached City of Grand Forks State Legislative Priorities – Draft - Dated October 2022. Todd Feland, City Administrator presented information about each individual State Legislative priorities from A – G as well as the position statements with some additions and updates. Weigel moved and seconded by Osowski to approve recommendation. Amendment failed due to a 3-3 tie. Matter to be discussed further November 7th.

Michael Dulitz, Public Health brought forward information on the behavioral health component and policy initiative. The Schulte Report states that regionalization of behavioral health beds will help to reduce the number of individuals that are sent to the hospital as well as for people with acute level of care, generally a short-term level of care. The report recommends a more robust use of Medicaid to pay for services. 10 states have received 1115 waivers from Medicaid to enable Medicaid to pay for psychiatric hospitalization for Medicaid clients.

Upon call for the question, motion carried unanimously.

Kvamme left Committee of the Whole at 6:33 p.m.

2.7 Department Head Classification Matter

Staff recommended action is to approve Amendment for the Grand Forks City Code sections 3-0203; 6-0101(13); 6-0101(14); and 6-0103 and as attached. Todd Feland brought forward information on behalf of Mayor Brandon Bochenski's administrative direction to fill the City Assessor and Public Health Director open and vacant Department Head positions with non-classified, contracted employees. Under Mayor Bochenski's administrative tenure, the City Planner, Building Inspections Director, Public Works Operations Director, and Public Safety Answering Point Director positions were filled as non-classified, contracted positions.

Motion by Weber, second by Weigel with the request to move forward. Motion moved unanimously.

2.8 Update from Grand Forks/East Grand Forks MPO relating to amendments to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Staff recommended action is to recommend the final approval of the proposed amendments to 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Todd Feland, City Administrator brought forward information on The City of East Grand Forks request for the MPO amend the 2045 MTP to move the Bygland/Rhinehart round-a-bout from short-range (2023-2027) to the mid-range (2028-2037).

Motion by Osowski, second by Vein. Motion carried unanimously

3. ADJOURN

Motion by Osowski, second by Weber to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Toscano
Administrative Specialist