

## MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

**APRIL 10, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Donovan Mayer, Matt Quade, and Dave Peschong. Keith Hemmesch was absent. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

**Motion was made by Quade to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting with the correction that on the vote regarding the Carroll Court water pressure issue the motion passed 4:1(Schaefer, yes; Hemmesch, yes; Peschong, yes; Quade, yes; and Mayer, no). Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

### **WATER METERS**

Due to the lead content being taken out of brass plumbing fixtures, the current style of water meter the City utilizes will be built with several new compounds and the price will increase to \$187.00 per water meter. Information was presented on the new IPERL meters. They are plastic meters with cad meter technology, which has been in use on larger diameter meters for years. The cost is \$118.00 per meter. It was questioned if the City could trade-in the existing stock of old style meters. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to change to the IPERL meters and trade-in the existing old meters and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

### **SEWER JETTING**

Three quotes were reviewed for sewer jetting:

- Visu-sewer was \$.65 per foot with no mobilization fee
- Johnson Jet was \$.63 per foot with a \$300.00 mobilization fee
- Infratech was \$.87 per foot.

After short discussion,

**Motion was made by Quade to approve the quote from Visu-sewer at \$.65 cents per foot and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

### **MPCA – FORMER MIDTOWN SERVICE STATION**

It was reported that Attorney Spooner reviewed the agreement with MPCA for the construction of Wells #5 and #6 and Spooner believes the City has no recourse against the MPCA for the shortage of capacity. It was asked if the City should keep Well #3 to try and prevent over utilizing the aquifer around Wells #5, #6, and #7. It was also questioned if there is any funding available to research a new water source. DeWolf will look into possible funding.

## **STREET SWEEPER**

It was reported that staff went to Willmar to look at a sweeper the City of Willmar is trading in. The unit is in very good condition and has maintenance records to show everything ever done to it. The unit has the auto lube system with dual side brooms. The price is \$50,500.00 as is, or \$56,000.00 with a one season warranty. This was discussed, along with the discussion staff had with a mechanic and it was suggested to, save the \$5,500.00. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to purchase the sweeper from MacQueen Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$50,500.00 (as is) and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

## **CARROLL CT WATER PRESSURE**

Mayer wanted to explain the reason for his no vote on the motion from the previous meeting. Mayer felt the City should pay 100% of the cost, after which there was a short discussion.

## **WATER PLANT REHAB**

DeWolf gave a verbal report on the schedule and construction progress.

## **WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT**

DeWolf gave a verbal report on the schedule and construction progress.

## **HWY. 55 & CO. RD. 181 INTERSECTION**

The bid tabulation results were presented with Knife River Corporation as the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$107,762.18. The construction is 100% paid by the State. The engineer's estimate was \$110,000.00. After a short discussion,

**Motion was made by Peschong to accept the low bid from Knife River in the amount of \$107,762.18 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.**

## **SEAL COAT BID**

The Seal Coat bid was opened on March 25<sup>th</sup> for the 2013 Seal Coat Project. Only one bid was received from Caldwell Asphalt in the amount of \$57,470.72. It was noted that Caldwell has provided good service in the past and the bid was under the estimated cost of \$62,000.00.

**Motion was made by Quade to accept the bid from Caldwell Asphalt in the amount of \$57,470.72 and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.