

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Date of Meeting: September 22, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers

Members Present: Lindman, Jacobson, *by WebEx*: Groat

Also Present: Wesolowski, Niksich, Hanson; Doug Mielke – Van Ert

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and received by the *Wausau Daily Herald* in the proper manner.

Approve minutes of the September 8, September 10, and September 16, 2020 meetings

Jacobson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

Make recommendation for Environmental Soil and Groundwater Testing at 1300 Cleveland Avenue (Proposals were opened September 16, 2020.)

Lindman stated seven proposals were received and reviewed by staff. The scoring and averages were included in the packet. The recommendation is to move ahead with GEI Consultants. There is not a budget for this yet. The budget will be considered at Finance and Council tonight.

Jacobson moved to accept the proposal from GEI Consultants contingent upon it being budgeted for. Groat seconded and the motion passed.

Open quotations and make recommendation for the rental of two skid steers and snowblowers

The following quotations were received and opened:

	Monthly <u>Rental</u>	4 Month <u>Rental Cost</u>	Total Cost for <u>2 year period</u>
Fabick	\$3,880	\$15,520	\$31,040
McCoy	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$30,100
Swiderski	\$900	\$4,500	\$9,000

Hanson noted the vendors provided rental costs for four months rather than five months as listed in the proposal. This was due to dates in the proposal equating to four months instead of five. Hanson added that he received an email from Miller Bradford indicating they could not bid as they do not provide snow rentals. Hanson will review the proposals submitted and come back with a recommendation.

Wausau Police Evidence Building Project: S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Change Order #2

Lindman is unfamiliar with this project. He will touch base with Barnes and bring this item back.

Wausau Police Evidence Building Project: S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Final Payment

This item will be brought back.

2020 Hwy 52 Median Landscape Project: Pember Companies Inc., Change Order #2

Niksich noted this was brought back from last week. Pember and their sub, Van Ert, are looking for a change order to pay for art bases that they did not include as part of the bid. Item 21 of the spec was the concrete base special. Item 22 was a lump sum cost for all electrical items, which included electrical bases. The landscape portion of this project was a much larger scope so Niksich broke out some items for the bid proposal. When

differentiating between the landscape items and the electrical lump sum, the plans had either L or E in front of the sheet number. E was all electrical for the project, which should have provided enough detail to bid as a lump sum item. It was left up to the contractor to determine the exact quantities. Nicksich felt there was enough detail in the plans to provide the contractor with the information needed. Within the plans, sheet E500 included the typical concrete base detail for the light bases. On sheet L301, the detail for the art bases was provided. The art bases were bid out as concrete base special. It is a little atypical to bid light pole bases as part of a lump sum. We bid two other projects this year with individual bid items for light pole bases.

Lindman asked if there were two different items on the bid schedule. Nicksich explained the bid schedule had 14 line items and a supplemental bid item, which was electrical with no wire pulled through the conduits. The supplemental bid item was not accepted. Nicksich spoke with Pember and Van Ert was the only contractor they received a bid from.

Per Wesolowski, the way the spec was written, Van Ert should have included the light pole bases in their lump sum. Nicksich explained they included that cost as Item 12, Concrete Base Special, which was bid out per each. That item was called out in the spec as the art bases. There are 24 art bases and 24 electrical bases in the project. Discussion followed.

Lindman stated this was in the specifications and provided in the bid schedule. They did not bid as it was spelled out. The Board needs to decide if the City will accept and pay for it or leave the responsibility on Pember as the prime contractor.

Jacobson stated it appears Nicksich did everything correctly and she would not support a motion to approve the change order request.

Mielke noted that Van Ert is currently working on 6 or 7 projects for the City of Wausau. Typically with concrete light pole bases there are types. Typically on a bid form, you would see a bid item for each type of base. If there is any deviation from that, it is called a concrete special. When he saw concrete special on the bid form he was under the assumption it was for the light pole base. If it had been on the bid form as art bases he would have dug deeper. In the past on City projects with a lump sum bid, bases and pull boxes are sometimes a separate item. From his experience, he missed it and it was an honest mistake. The extra \$15,000 is a difference of making money or losing money.

Nicksich used concrete base special because the art base is a unique item. With the City going to online bidding, each time we have a different item we have to create a unique number and unique description. He felt this could fall under concrete special so we do not have to create new unique numbers every time we bid.

Mielke mentioned that it would help if the City would be willing to split the cost. Lindman stated this is a tough call because of competitive bidding. Mielke would like to think they have done good for the City in the past. Lindman feels they always have been but this may be something they have to work out with Pember. He does not feel he can move ahead with approval if everything was laid out in the bid.

Lindman moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$15,000. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

2020 24th Avenue Storm Sewer Replacement: Pember Companies Inc., Change Order #2, #3 and #4

For Change Order #2, Wesolowski explained this culvert was not installed by the City. It was installed by Ghidorzi in the 80's and when the bank was built, they tied into the culvert. Staff did not know they had tied into it. When the contractor came to replace the storm sewer, they found there was an additional pipe into our storm sewer that was not listed on the plan. The contractor had to buy pipe and complete additional work to tie into the outfall pipe from the bank. Lindman moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$2,150. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Change Order #3 is regarding the retaining wall on the south end of the project. The wall was also installed by Ghidorzi as part of his landscaping. There was a bid item included to salvage the block and reinstall for \$4,500. When the contractor went to remove the wall, they found the block were filled with concrete. This is not typical as block is normally filled with pea gravel. When they tried to remove the block they stuck together and broke. This change order would eliminate the bid item to salvage and reinstall and add a new item to remove and replace the wall, which includes the cost of the block for \$7,670. The overall change order would be an increase of \$3,170, which Wesolowski feels is reasonable. Jacobson moved to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$3,170. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

Change Order #4 is regarding the placement of the large culvert, which included excavation and placement of 6” of clear stone to bed the pipe. When the contractor was excavating, the bottom of the pipe was found to be rotten, which caused the ground below to be saturated. About 1’ of poor material was found. The contractor excavated the foot of sloppy material and provided 1’ of stone to bed the pipe. This cost is to provide the extra 6” of stone. Lindman moved to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$2,900. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

2020 Bridge Street Pedestrian Crossing Project: S.D. Ellenbecker, Inc., Pay Estimate #2

Niksich stated this is for the addition of crosswalks, signals, sidewalk and pedestrian ramps at the Bridge Street and Pick ‘N Save intersection. All work is completed. In addition to this, there was sidewalk added at the Dog Park, which will be billed to that project. The pay request was reviewed by the project inspector and Niksich. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$12,650.67. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

2020 Sewer Rehabilitation Project: Hydro Klean, LLC, Pay Estimate #1

Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$133,381.33. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Public Works Re-Roofing Project: C & C Services, LLC, Pay Estimate #3

There have been some issues on the project, which Mohelnitzky has been working with the contractor to rectify. Lindman moved to approve Pay Estimate #3 in the amount of \$46,525. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Discussion and possible action on Amendment #1 to the contract with Ayres for construction services for the Bridge Street Bridge Repair Project

Niksich explained that when this contract was originally signed, we did not have concrete overlay in the budget. This was bid as a supplementary item and was accepted. With that accepted, the amount of construction oversite increased. The actual project increased in length and amount of time required to oversee the extended project. This is atypical work for the City and our inspectors are not used to seeing this type of work. With one side of the bridge done, we expect to see Ayres on site less and we can observe some of the concrete pours and forming of the walls. He expects Ayres’s hours per week to decrease but the length of the project will increase. The budget number provided is to continue on at the same usage rate of 19 hours per week, but we expect that to drop as we are more comfortable overseeing the project. The number provided is the absolute maximum the additional services could cost. Lindman moved to approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Ayres in the amount of \$9,500. Jacobson seconded and the motion passed.

Portland Cement Concrete License: Sorensen Construction, LLC

Jacobson has reviewed the subject license and moved to approve. Lindman seconded and the motion passed.

Jacobson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lindman. Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.