



Public Works Committee Meeting
April 19, 2022
5:00 p.m.
City Hall

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

Dale Strehle
Dan Papik
Travis Sears

Others Present:

Tom Ourada, City Administrator
Dave Bauer, Mayor
Kyle Manley, City Attorney
Ryan Hinz, Council Person
Jack Oelschlager, Council Person
Kyle Frans, Council Person

Telisha Carnes, Admin. Asst.
Steve Hensel, Police Chief
Brad Bailey, Building Inspector
Jerry Wilcox, Clerk/ Treasurer
Kelsey Sisouvong, Deputy City Clerk
Brian Stork, Public Works Director

Special Order of Business

A. Nebraska Municipal Power Pool :

Tom discussed the pros and cons on how entering an agreement with the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool for a financial plan, cost of service, and rate design study for electric rates would benefit the city. In previous years, the city had JK Energy handle this type of agreement. NMPP has great leadership and will pay half of the fees. After some discussion within the committee, Travis made a motion to provide a recommendation to the City Council on entering an agreement with the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool for financial plan, cost of service and rate design for electric rates. Dan seconded the motion. Travis, yes. Dan, yes. Dale, yes.

B. Schemmer Associates :

Tom informed the committee that the city looked at entering an agreement with Schemmer Associates in the past regarding a Railroad Transportation Safety District, but due to the lack of interest from the county, the proposal didn't go any further. Multiple good things could come out of this, one being ways of funding railroad crossing quality and a possibility of a quiet zone study. With this being funded by a county wide tax, the county would have to pass this also. The RTSD board would consist of half county representatives and half first class city council people. Travis made a motion to table this item of business until the first meeting in May. Dan seconded the motion. Travis, yes. Dan, yes. Dale, yes.

C. Olsson Associates:

Tom reviewed the bid from Olsson Associates for the engineering design services on the new substation. The time frame provided to complete the new substation project consisted of four years due to the delay in delivery for some materials. Travis made a motion to provide a recommendation to the City Council on entering into a contract with Olsson & Associates in the amount of \$334,500 for engineering design services on the new substation. Dan seconded the motion. Travis, yes. Dan, yes. Dale, yes.

Officer's Report

Tom requested that the financial committee meet in the near future due to the amount of the very large expenses the city will be dealing with. This will allow for further discussion on this subject.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Dale Strehle, Chairman