



Public Works Committee Meeting
February 7, 2023
5:00 p.m.
City Hall

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present:

Dale Strehle
Kyle Frans
Travis Sears

Others Present:

Tom Ourada, City Administrator
Dave Bauer, Mayor
Alison Borer, Cline Williams Attorney
Jerry Wilcox, Clerk/ Treasurer
Kelsey Sisouvong, Deputy City Clerk
Jack Oelschlager, Council Person
Tom Crisman, Council Person
Dan Papik, Council Person

Jon Puckett, Police Captain
Gary Young, Police Chief
Brad Bailey, Building Inspector
Telisha Carnes, Administrative Asst.
Craig Snyder
David Jurena
Gary Lothrop
Troy & Darci Ross

Special Order of Business

A. 2022 Street Improvement Project Bids:

Tom reviewed the 2022 Street Improvement Project Bids that were received. Two contractors submitted their bids, Constructors, Inc. and K2 Construction. Both bids were remarkably close. Constructors, Inc coming in at \$1,905,856.85 and K2 Construction at \$1,926,042.25. After discussion, Travis made a motion to make a recommendation to the City Council on awarding the bid for the 2022 Street Improvement Project Bid to Constructors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,905,856.85. Kyle seconded. Travis; yes. Kyle; yes. Dale; yes

B. General Excavating:

This item of business was placed on the agenda for information purposes and so that this item will be included in the Consent Agenda on the regular February 7th Council Meeting.

C. Resolution 2023-01:

Alison Borer, city legal counsel from Cline Williams, discussed all the phases required to proceed with the annexation of area #6, Cardinal Ventures Property. After the recommendation is made to adopt Resolution 2023-01, Resolution 2023-01 will be brought in front of the City Council as a proposal for the Annexation of area #6. Also at that time, a public hearing date will be set for March 7th. The Planning Commission will meet in advance of this date. Travis a motion to make a recommendation to the City Council to adopt Resolution 2023-01: A resolution annexing area #6 and adopting a plan for extending services to the land. Kyle seconded. Travis; yes. Kyle; yes. Dale; yes.

D. Ordinance 2162:

Tom explained that the city had an agreement for wind energy rates as a member of MEAN, however these agreements have been withdrawn. The Green Energy Subscription has been implemented to replace those agreements with a new rate scheme for green energy initiatives. Kyle made a motion to make a recommendation to the City Council on enacting Ordinance 2162; An ordinance authorizing and directing execution of the Green Energy Program Subscription Confirmation with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska. Travis seconded. Kyle; yes. Travis; yes. Dale; yes.

E. Gilmore & Associates / Utility Study:

Tom discussed engaging with Gilmore & Associates for a utility study on the east side of Crete. The purpose for this study is to have a more accurate understanding regarding the expansion of water and sewer services. Also requested, was how much area, not just restricted to the proposed annexation areas, could be included and a total percentage each participating area would be responsible for. Travis made a motion to make a recommendation to the City Council on engaging Gilmore & Associates for a utility study on the east side of Crete at a cost of \$24,000. Kyle seconded. Travis; yes. Kyle; yes. Dale; yes

F. Locust Street:

Gary Lothrop made a request to vacate Locust Street. At the same time the City if working with developers involving the property that is bordering Locust Street. In this case, Locust Street is the only South access to this new proposed development. Due to the absence of Gary Lothrop, Travis made a motion to table this item of business till the next scheduled Public Works Meeting scheduled for February 21st, 2023. Kyle seconded. Travis; yes. Kyle; yes. Dale; yes

G. Roundabout at 13th and Iris:

Tom discussed the placement of a roundabout at 13th and Iris. A roundabout at this location has been specifically recommended by the State and the consulting engineers as a traffic treatment. Tom is working with JEO on completing a grant application to Federal Highway (80/20) Project for a roundabout.

H. Wastewater Staffing:

Tom updated the Public Works Committee on the employment matters concerning the Wastewater Department. As discussed previously, the Wastewater Supervisor has accepted a position with the City of Seward, leaving the Wastewater Dept. short staffed. After much thought, Tom is exploring the idea of hiring two more staff members for this department for the continuity aspect. The plants additional Grade VI operator has plans to retire in the near future. It will take any new employee a few years to become proficient in the operation of the wastewater plant and it will take even longer to receive a Grade VI License, which is the technical operation level of our plant.

Officer's Report

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Dale Strehle, Chairman