

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 — 5:15 PM
MEETING CONDUCTED BY ZOOM

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call by Leanne Aldrich: Dick Bradshaw, Kamron Yates, and Anita Werling were present.

Minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting were presented. No additions or corrections were noted. Dick Bradshaw moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (Ayes: Bradshaw, Yates, Werling; Nays: none)

Minutes from the February 8, 2021 meeting were presented. Kamron Yates moved to accept the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Bradshaw. Motion carried. (Ayes: Bradshaw, Yates, Werling; Nays: none)

Claims totaling \$181,398.89 were presented for approval. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (Ayes: Bradshaw, Yates, Werling; Nays: none)

Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich asked approval to write a check for \$83,362.09 to Milestone for partial release of retainage held for the Samuel Milroy project which has reached substantial completion. Mayor Werling added that this would leave \$15,000 of retainage for work to be completed in the Spring including reseeding and lane markings. C-T Aldrich indicated that there would be a voucher in the next claims packet. Dick Bradshaw moved to approve. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (Ayes: Bradshaw, Yates, Werling; Nays: none)

New Business

Mayor Werling provided background information on the CDBG Drinking Water Improvement Project on which bids were opened at 9:00 a.m. on February 12. All of the bids were in excess of the grant award. A revised estimate by BF & S prior to the bid opening placed the project at \$1.3 million. R & W Construction was the low bidder at \$769,000; F&K Construction at \$932,118; Atlas Excavating at \$1,426,321; and Yardberry Landscape Excavating Company at \$1,660,309. Matt Spidel from BF&S indicated that he had queried K-IRPC about amending the grant agreement to reduce the scope. Emily Albaugh from K-IRPC indicated that the 35% increase in project cost would likely not be viewed favorably by OCRA. BF&S indicated that R & W Construction had the capacity to do the project, had previously worked with the City of Delphi, and that BF&S recommended they be awarded the contract. He also indicated that the streets involved in the project had accounted for a significant number of leaks in recent years and would continue to be a maintenance issue if the project were not done. Mayor Werling indicated that the difference between the base bid and the grant award for construction was in excess of \$200K which could be covered from the Water Construction Fund. Werling added that Superintendent Myers reported 125 leaks since 2018 on Brewer, Wells, Market, and Vine streets at a cost in excess of \$2,000 per leak. The Water Construction fund would be used to cover the project costs in excess of the grant.

To facilitate discussion Dick Bradshaw moved to accept the bid of R & W Construction. Second by Kamron Yates. Kamron Yates asked about estimated start date for project and traffic control and access during construction. Matt Spidel responded that work would begin in the Spring and that traffic control and access would be coordinated with the City and County. Dick Bradshaw asked if BF&S had done a new engineering estimate prior to the bid opening. Spidel reported that they did with the knowledge

that material costs had increased dramatically after the grant was submitted under Mayor Evans due to COVID and other factors. Bradshaw expressed concern about R & W Construction's number for rock excavation as it was much lower than that of other bidders. Spidel responded that BF&S had this concern as well and had consulted with R & W Construction after the opening; R & W expressed confidence in their number. Mayor Werling indicated that Superintendent Myers said that R & W Construction had done the work at Well #6 and he was comfortable that they had the capacity to do this project.

On the matter of awarding the contract, the motion carried. (Ayes: Bradshaw, Yates, Werling; Nays: none)

Emily Albaugh indicated that notice of award would be issued and that documentation would then be submitted to the State. Once there was release of funds, BF&S would hold a preconstruction meeting. Kamron Yates asked that the Canal Center be contacted for that meeting along with other parties who might be impacted by the construction.

Mayor Werling noted that Matt Miller from R & W Construction was on the Zoom meeting and congratulated him on the project award.

Miscellaneous business

Mayor Werling announced that the City would undertake the removal of trees for the Monon High Bridge Trail project. This work must be completed prior to April 1st when restrictions are in place to protect the Indiana bat. Three estimates were sought for work in the Miller Park, trail route, and the slip area so that construction can begin late Spring or early Summer. The lowest bid was under \$5,000 from Aaron Rogers who does other tree removal for the City. The City will pay for this work and will be reimbursed through the DNR grant once release of funds has occurred.

Kamron Yates commended the Street Department for the excellent work in clearing heavy snow from the downtown streets. Repeated by Bradshaw and Werling.

Dick Bradshaw asked for an update on the Drinking Water Improvement project. Matt Spidel from BF&S relayed issues with pumps at the new booster station. Phase I of the water project is done. Well #7 is producing well; wells #1, #3, and #5 are being treated at the Carrollton road booster station. Rehabilitation of water storage tanks at Deer Creek (the Andersons), Hilltop, and Armory Road will take place in late summer/ early fall 2021; IPC will be rehabilitated at a later date.

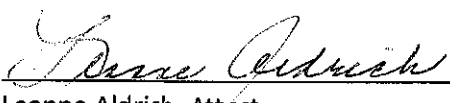
In public comment, Gayle Conner asked about the amount of the City's match for the CDBG Drinking Water Improvements project. Emily Albaugh reported it was \$149,691 as reported by Albaugh. C-T Aldrich indicated that the match and any overage over the base bid would come from Water Construction Fund which has a current balance in excess of \$400,000.

There being no further comments, Dick Bradshaw made the motion to adjourn. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried without objection.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling



Leanne Aldrich, Attest