

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 3:30 P.M.

### REMOTE ACCESS MEETING

### MINUTES

#### ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raymond Buschmann called the virtual meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Aldermen Ted Notz and Jim Preschlack were present.

Chairman Buschmann stated that in accordance with state statute, he made the determination that it was not practical or prudent to schedule an in-person Public Works Committee meeting because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and therefore the meeting was being held remotely.

Staff virtually attending the meeting included Michael Thomas, Director of Public Works; Dan Martin, Superintendent of Public Works; Bob Ells, Superintendent of Engineering; Brian Joyce, Supervisor of Engineering and Jim Lockefer, Management Analyst.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### I. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 28, 2021 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

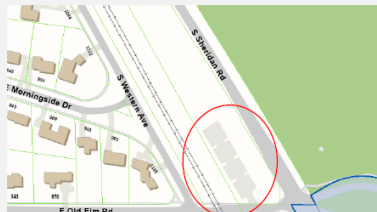
Alderman Preschlack moved to approve the January 28, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting minutes. Alderman Notz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

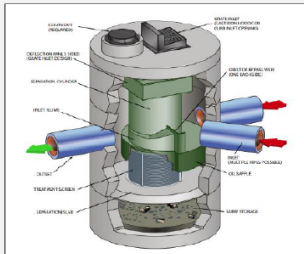
##### II. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL AWARD OF THE OLD ELM PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT BID – BOB ELLS

Superintendent Ells reviewed the below summary presentation slide on the topic.

### OLD ELM PARKING LOT RESURFACING PROJECT

- FY22 Project Budget:
  - Base: \$110,000
  - ESC Stormwater Structure: \$15,000
  - ESC EV Charging Station: \$22,500
  - TOTAL: \$147,500**





- Received 7 bids for resurfacing and installing the stormwater structure

Firm	Bid \$
Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc.	\$107,747
Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc.	\$110,000
Advantage Paving Solutions, Inc.	\$114,096
Accu-Paving Co.	\$119,210
Maneval Construction	\$121,114
A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc.	\$124,029
Peter Baker & Son Co	\$128,465

- Received 4 quotes for EV charging station

Firm	Quote \$
Winston Electric, Inc.	\$22,950
Gurtz Electric Co.	\$35,000
Connolly Electric	\$35,100
Redav Solutions	\$41,500

- Action requested: PW Committee recommends City Council approval of the Old Elm Parking Lot resurfacing low bid to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of \$107,747 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$10,774 for a total of \$118,521
- Action requested: PW Committee recommends City Council approval of the Old Elm Parking Lot EV charging station low quote to Winston Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$22,950
- Project total: \$141,471

The Committee and City staff discussed the historic, current, and future usage of the parking lot, the installation of the electric vehicle charging station, and the installation and maintenance of the special stormwater structure.

Alderman Notz moved to recommend approval to City Council the Old Elm Parking Lot resurfacing low bid to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. in the amount of \$107,747 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$10,774 for a total of \$118,521. Alderman Preschlack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.


Alderman Preschlack moved to recommend approval to City Council the Old Elm Parking Lot electric vehicle charging station low quote to Winston Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$22,950. Alderman Notz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **III. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL IDOT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAYS – BOB ELLS**

Superintendent Ells reviewed the below summary presentation slide on the topic.

**IDOT RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAYS**

- State requires municipalities to obtain a permit for any routine maintenance or improvement within its right-of-way
- Resolution (two year period) allows City employees to perform emergency work on State right-of-way
  - Emergency work may include repairs on water mains, lighting, sewers, and other City owned and maintained infrastructure
  - City owns and maintains certain public infrastructure within State's right-of-way along Rt. 43, Rt. 60, and Rt. 41
- Not practical to obtain a permit and subsequent surety bond prior to addressing emergency repair in an expedited manor
  - State allows City crews to continue work within its right-of-way provided a City Council approved resolution stating compliance with State standards
- Action requested: PW Committee recommends City Council approval of the IDOT Resolution for Construction on State Highways (Rt. 43, Rt. 60, and Rt. 41)



The Committee and City staff discussed the past frequency IDOT required municipalities to approve of the Resolution.

Alderman Preschlack moved to recommend approval to City Council the IDOT Resolution for Construction on State Highways. Alderman Notz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **IV. REVIEW AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL AWARD OF THE RINGWOOD RAVINE PROJECT BID – JIM LOCKEFEE & MICHAEL THOMAS**

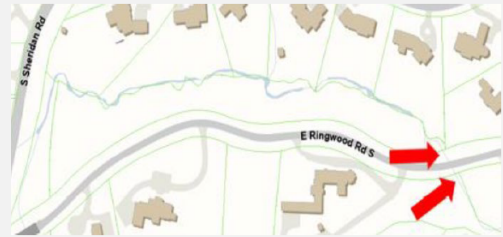
Director Thomas and Management Analyst Lockefeer reviewed the below summary presentation slide on the topic.

## RINGWOOD RAVINE PROJECT BID

- FY22 Project Budget (construction) - \$1,400,000
- Project scope includes:
  - Repair of the headwall
  - Repair & stabilization of adjacent ravine slopes
  - Installation of two riffle pools for stormwater energy dissipation
  - Lining of entire culvert under the road (175')
  - Restoration of project limits with native plant material
- Received 7 bids for project through public process

Firm	Bid \$
Schwartz Construction Group Inc.	\$952,980
<b>V3 Construction Group</b>	<b>\$955,590</b>
Alliance Contractors Inc.	\$966,506
Landmark Contractors, Inc.	\$1,242,566
John Keno and Company, Inc.	\$1,318,735
Campanella & Sons, Inc.	\$1,488,400
Misfits Construction Company	\$1,533,754

- Schwartz failed to follow bid instructions and was deemed non-responsive
  - Did not submit comparable work related to the project
- V3 was found to be lowest responsive and responsible bidder
  - V3 successfully completed Rosemary Ravine Project
- Action requested: PW Committee recommends City Council reject Schwartz Construction Group's non-responsive low bid for the Ringwood Ravine Project and award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to V3 Construction Group in the amount of \$955,590 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$95,559 for a total of \$1,051,149



Director Thomas reviewed the public bid process in detail. He explained that following the review of apparent low bid from Schwartz Construction Group, staff discovered an issue with their submitted bid forms. A requirement of the bid process was to submit "Related Project Experience" that was most comparable to the City's Ringwood Ravine Project. For this project experience, Schwartz Construction Group listed three other projects types: a lift station, a baseball facility, and concrete work. In addition, Schwartz Construction Group did not provide any of the requested information concerning the specific role (contractor/subcontractor), contract amount, and date completed associated with the listed projects. In reviewing these issues with the City Attorney's Office, it was found that Schwartz Construction Group failed to follow bidding instructions and bid submittal requirements, and therefore were subsequently found to be non-responsive. He explained that Staff was in agreement with the City Attorney's Office recommendation. Following the review of the next apparent low bid from V3 Construction Group, staff found V3 Construction Group's bid to be both responsive and responsible. V3 Construction Group followed the bidding instructions and submittal requirements. He explained that V3 Construction Group has a great deal of local experience in completing ravine and similar bank stabilization projects. He explained that City Council will ultimately decide to reject or approve the Schwartz Construction group bid.

The Committee and City staff discussed the City Attorney's Office concerns in approving the Schwartz Construction bid after failing to following bidding instructions and submittal requirements.

Alderman Preschlack moved to recommend approval to City Council reject Schwartz Construction Group's non-responsive low bid for the Ringwood Ravine Project and award the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, to V3 Construction Group in the amount of \$955,590 plus a 10% contingency in the

amount of \$95,559 for a total of \$1,051,149. Alderman Notz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Notz moved to adjourn the meeting of the Public Works Committee at 4:08 P.M. Alderman Preschlack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Lockefeer Jr.  
Management Analyst