

CITY OF ELKHORN
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Common Council Chambers, 9 S. Broad Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin

February 22, 2016

Committee of the Whole was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Mayor Olson followed by Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Brian Olson, Aldermen Hoss Rehberg, Gregory Huss, Bruce Lechner, Scott McClory, Tom Myrin (Absent: Michael Kluck)

Also present: Administrator Sam Tapson, Finance Director James Heilman, City Clerk Cairie Virrueta, Public Works Operations Manager Marty Nuss, Fire Chief Rod Smith, City Engineer Paul Vanhenkelum, Kellen Olshefski

Tasch Park: Review Field Alignment and Final Pricing

Administrator Tapson sent out the sketch for Tasch; everyone is OK with the alignment. He said deconstruction is in progress. The DPW fence will be repaired and painted and if it is determined to be necessary, replacing it later. Administrator Tapson said the 4' path lines may damage the grass area for spring play and asked should it be done in the fall for playability. Mayor Olson asked if this information came from Josh; it came internally. Alderman Rehberg wants the professionals to determine if the fields will be playable in May. Mayor Olson said if Midwest said they can do it without damage then to do it. Administrator Tapson clarified that the cost for all the fields is \$28,000. Playground equipment and fencing will be determined in the future. Alderman McClory asked for the opening date for T-ball; Rec Director Meyer said it is the last week of May.

NE Water Treatment Plant Bids: Baxter & Woodman Contract Recommendation

Mayor Olson asked what the quotes for the equipment options were. Utility Director Murphy said one was for a second booster pump which he recommended and an RPM motor reduction, which he didn't recommend. Alderman Rehberg asked why he didn't recommend it when the advantage was to reduce wearing; the DNR requires the pump to be pulled every 10 years and be rebuilt. Jerry Groth said it was kept in the bid and if the pricing was a lot less would have recommended it. He said all bidders are capable of doing the job. Alderman Rehberg asked for the two quotes to be explained. Groth said the two prices are for financing with and without the Safe Water Drinking Loan which requires Davis Bacon; some bidders did nothing. Alderman Rehberg asked if the City would use the Safe Water Drinking Loan or not. Administrator Tapson said the clear decision is the Safe Water Drinking Loan and the spread would have to be two million to go with a private loan. They will talk with the DNR on Friday about the loan and talk to Dave at Ehlers about refinancing all water debt and bring it back in March. Alderman Myrin said there were a lot of change orders with the pool and how can it be avoided with this project. Administrator Tapson said they are part of a construction and a cushion of 10-15% is generally added. He said the end of day borrowing will be more to cover soft costs. He said supervision of the project by Jerry Groth can be added for an additional fee. **Motion (Rehberg/McClory) to recommend awarding the NE Water Treatment Plant Bid to Miron Construction Co. Inc., including the second booster pump alternate. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.**

The following item was moved forward on the agenda:

E. Market Street Task Order for Engineering Services

Administrator Tapson said milestone dates were put together and the City was obliged to obtain them in 180 days. He recommended the City authorize Kapur's Task Order for steps 1-4 and at the end of the steps will know if it's feasible to meet the land transfer. The engineering cost is \$41,304 plus \$8,000 for soil borings. Mayor Olson asked where soil borings will be done; City Engineer VanHenkelum said borings would be done every couple hundred feet. Administrator Tapson said this is for Court to Geneva St. **Motion (Rehberg/Myrin) to recommend approval to spend \$41,304 and \$8,000 for soil borings to Kapur to move**

forward with the E. Market Street Extension Project. Roll call vote: Rehberg, yes; Lechner, yes; McClory, yes; Myrin, yes; Huss, yes. Motion carried.

DPW Truck Purchase: Review Specifications and Determine Type of Vehicle to Purchase

Mayor Olson asked what everyone wanted. Administrator Tapson said all can be done, diesel, gas, F350, F550, bed, stainless steel. Specs right now are for stainless steel as about five years ago the council made a decision to go with stainless steel to extend the life of the vehicle to 20 years. Alderman McClory would like to see an F550 A/B and F350 A/B side by side. Alderman Rehberg isn't sold that an F350 or F550 is proper- he wants to see an F450. Administrator Tapson asked if they wanted to see all three models; yes. Alderman Rehberg would like to see more information on gas versus diesel. Administrator Tapson said that it is a life cycle question as the City keeps vehicles longer. Alderman Huss said stainless steel is the way to go. Mayor Olson said to keep the truck longer, get diesel and keep stainless steel per Alderman Huss's recommendation. He said to make decision so as not to burden the vendors. Administrator Tapson said to consider what is the best to buy, not just the cost difference and there are many sellers selling F350s. Alderman Rehberg said to only get one quote for a box, a price for steel or stainless steel. The committee decided they wanted prices on three vehicles, with two options and to bring it back to the Finance Committee.

Capital Projects Planning Work Session: Ratings of Projects

Administrator Tapson the projects can be taken up on the 14th. He only received two ratings back and asked that the council get their numbers to him and if they need anything to let him know. The Finance meeting can start early. Alderman Rehberg said he believed there was a miscommunication that because they did verbal rankings some members believed they didn't need to return the other rankings.

Adjourn

Motion (Rehberg/Lechner) to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

Cairie L. Virrueta
City Clerk

Approved 03/07/16