

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
September 29, 2020
5:00 P.M.

(This meeting was audio recorded.)

Members Present: Chair Bohn, McNary, Carlson(Heitkamp) and Woods.

Staff Present: Miranowski, Huwe, Hatting, Thorsteinson, DeVries, Fehr, Rogahn, Broadland and O'Meara.

Also Present: Mayor Steve Dale and Frank Stanko.

Bohn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by McNary, seconded by Woods and carried, to approve the minutes of September 15, 2020.

Dakota Avenue Traffic Control Box Artwork – Discussion held regarding an email received from the Three Rivers Arts Council requesting the \$5,000 be used for statues along with one control box. Woods will talk with an art teacher at the school to check out the possibilities for student art. The group would like to see this project done yet this fall. There has been money approved for this project. No action was taken on the sculpture request. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.

Overlay Project Woodland Drive from 17th Ave to Hwy 210 By-Pass – Rogahn explained the area of this Mill and Overlay project. Discussion held regarding funding sources from TIFF and special assessments, and how this project fits into the CIP plan and pavement management schedule. This item is informational and more details will be provided at the next meeting.

Motion by Woods, seconded by McNary and carried, to suspend the rules to discuss Vapex Rental Agreement and NDSU Waste Water Study not previously referred to the meeting.

Vapex Odor Control Equipment Rental for Pilot Test for Odor Removal – Vapex has a process to control odors from lift stations. Discussion held regarding the cost and maintenance of the current system. A proposal was presented to rent the equipment for three weeks at a cost of \$3,840.00 to see how it works for us. The testing will be done in lift station #1.

Motion by McNary, seconded by Carlson and carried, to move forward with the rental agreement with Vapex at a cost of \$3,840.00 for odor control equipment. (5:28 pm – DeVries exited the meeting)

NDSU Waste water Covid-19 study – The City was contacted by NDSU to see if we were interested in participating in testing our waste water for a Covid-19 study. ND Department of Health is asking the 10 big cities in North Dakota to participate. Our costs would include staff time collecting samples 2 times per week. Discussion held regarding results of the study.

Motion by Woods, seconded by McNary and carried, to move forward with the participation in the NDSU Waste Water Covid-19 study. It was asked about a timeline for the study, Rogahn will follow up.

Storm Water Utility Fee – Rogahn is working through the Utility Billing list to align it to the parcels. There are a few who don't get a utility bill, they may need to be billed quarterly. More work will be done. We have already had 1st reading on this ordinance. This item will be kept on the agenda.

Dakota Avenue Flag Protocol – Discussion held regarding flag protocol, raising and lowering the flag in windy and freezing weather and safety conditions. In the last couple of years, the flag has come down after Veterans Day and put back up in the spring. Leaving it up all year long was also discussed. The committee recommended leaving it up in the winter and see how things go.

Yard Junk/Clutter Updates – Chief Thorsteinson is working a couple of cases.

Building Official Updates – Bohn gave a few updates: Demolition is continuing on a home on 6th St. South. Mobile Home Park fence on 11th Street is in the pipeline for repairs, they are waiting on materials.

Referrals – Urban Deer Hunt in 2021 – Carlson will bring more information for future discussion.

Dissolved Oxygen (DO) Sensor at Pond #1 – At the next meeting, Miranowski would like to discuss a permanent solution for this sensor. McNary asked about Dakota Avenue sidewalk snow removal for a future meeting.

Motion by Woods, seconded by Carlson and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Respectively Submitted by Cheryl O'Meara