

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

August 31, 2021

Attendance:

Scott Gehring, Chair
Chris Hilberg, Vice Mayor
Tom Henning, City Council
Tom Moeller, City Manager
Lori Thompson, Assistant City Manager
Sam Morton, City Engineer

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM.

1. **2021 Street Program Update.** Mr. Moeller reported that we received only one bid for the project. The bidder, John R. Jurgensen Paving, indicated they cannot complete the project in 2021. Mr. Moeller reported he spoke with the Law Director who advised that the bid should be rejected as they cannot meet the timeline in the specifications. Mr. Morton stated he would contact the contractor to confirm whether they can start and achieve substantial completion by the end of 2021. He will report back to the committee prior to the September 13th council meeting. There was also discussion that we could bid both the 2021 and 2022 programs together. Mr. Moeller reported that we may recommend doing spot curb repairs on Willowhollow and Madeira Hills Drive rather than full curb replacement. This would save \$339,000 according to the current bid figures. The committee agreed to do this after the City Manager and City Engineer do a final analysis.
2. **McDonald Commons Master Plan Update.** Mr. Gehring reported he has done more research into using the Construction Manager at Risk model to construct the park project. He recommended the City bid this with several local contractors who can perform this type of project. Mr. Moeller noted he is meeting with Prus Construction as they have volunteered to provide a construction cost estimate based on the current proposed. After further discussion, the committee agreed to further explore the CMR approach to the project. Mr. Hilberg asked about the status of moving the Service Dept. Mr. Gehring reported he was waiting on estimated construction costs to determine whether it was financially feasible to move the facility. Mr. Moeller reported that the appraisal for the Schmid property came in at \$650,000 which means the cost of a new facility with property acquisition would be \$1.5-\$2 million.
3. **McDonald Commons Pipe Update.** Mr. Morton reported that a pre-bid meeting was held last week. There are 5 contractors interested in bidding. Bids will be opened on September 10th with a completion date of March 1, 2022. The committee discussed whether it was advantageous to include the new pipe construction at the north end of the site. It was noted that the new section is 450 ft. in length and that would trigger a review by the Army Corps of Engineers. Approval could take 6-12 months. Mr. Morton stated he would discuss this with office team and report back to the committee on potential options.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Scott Gehring, Chair