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Finance Committee

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Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:00

I call this meeting to order the Finance Committee at 5:30pm on Monday, November 21, 2022. Roll call of membership. All are present with the exceptions of alders Van Zeeland and Fenton who are both excused.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:15

Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Item 22-1494 November 7 2022 Finance Committee minutes.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 00:23

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:24

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:26

All right. Any comments, questions? All in favor, aye. All right, those are approved three to zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:34

We have no public hearings or appearances. So we will move on to action items starting with 22-1495 request to award Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase One Belt filter press equipment upgrades project base bid with no alternative bids to Staab Construction in the amount of \$5,063,000, with 15% contingency of \$759,450 for a project total not to exceed \$5,822,450, along with the following budget amendment, which will deduct \$100,000 from the sludge storage building Addition Construction Project to add to the Phase One Belt filter press equipment upgrades project, transfer excess funds—oh that just repeats it over. So

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 01:21

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:23

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:23

Alright, we have a motion and a second. Director Shaw what microphone number. Director two? All right, thanks. Just give us a little overview here, please.

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 01:32

Thank you, chairperson Firkus. Yep, the dewatering section, which this pertains to, is not the liquid strain or the water that enters the Fox River, but it's the solids portion of the facility. And so, the solids go through digestion, they're reduced in mass, but then we end up with a product that has to be dewatered. And so, this comprises about 70% of that dewatering.

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 01:54

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There's a couple of projects coming up to finance. One is the heat exchanger project and this—the dewatering project. We did have to split this into two phases. So, the memo talks about that a little bit. I'd like to go through that with the bidding climate and the construction estimates from where we were two years ago. Before we were in the design of this project, we didn't have all the elements and then our construction estimates went up as a consequence of last year. They have not come down. We did see with the—the bids did come in close to where our budget was, even though we had to separate this project into two phases. So, you can see that the project actually was competitive in terms of where we came with the two bids, even though there were two, only two bids. Usually, we used to see a project like this (when you were talking millions of dollars, in the treatment realm) we would see like three four bidders and we're only seeing a couple. But at least we did see competition. Staab is actually at the plant, and so is Myron. So, they're doing other projects. So, I'm glad that we were able to entertain at least two bids to see competition.

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 03:01

So, with that, I can answer any questions. The equipment, like the memo says, is 30 years old. That was due to good maintenance along the way, but just like semi-trucks, you can only rebuild them so often. We don't see semi-trucks out on the highway that are from the 60s 70s or whatever. Oh, no, this would be from the 90s. So, you know, 30 years old, you know. It's time for them to move on. There's not any rebuilding that can occur anymore.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:31

Microphone number? Thirteen. Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:36

Thank you, Director Shaw for saying that something in the 90s is old. Can you please—if I could direct directly to the director? Could you tell me is—I am I understanding this correctly? This \$5 million bid that you're asking to be approved today is \$100,000 over budget? Is that correct?

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 04:00

It were—yes to cover the complete contingency and everything that we would like to have with the budget or with the project, yes, we have not we did not have that budgeted. So, we're looking for other sources of funding. And that's what why the request is there. It's a second finance committee action item.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:18

And then the additional \$100,000 coming from the other project (the sludge storage building project) is that able to sustain that? Is it able to take that hit?

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 04:29

Yep. That project was bid early on in the year and that actually came in under budget. And so—well, ultimately, if we don't need the contingency, which a lot of other projects we might not ever need to utilize those resources or that funding. But yes, that project came in under, so it has its own contingency. And so, this would have been in excess. So, we're actually just moving money from a project that has availability to one that didn't have the available or didn't have the funding.

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 04:31

Okay, so sort of ends up being a little bit of a break even when that's all said and done.

Director Chris Shaw (Utilities) 05:01

Exactly.

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Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:01

Okay, thank you.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:03

All right. Any other questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor, aye. Aye. That's three zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:16

22 Dash 1496 request to approve ESRI small municipal and county government and enterprise agreement, three-year license renewal as a sole source contract.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 05:28

Move for approval.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 05:29

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:31

All right. We have a motion and a second. Are there any comments or questions on this item? All right. I'm not seeing any. So, we will go ahead and vote. All of those in favor, aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes three, zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:49

That's all we have this evening for action items. That takes us to information items. Is—so does anyone have any questions on either of these information items or any comments to share? All right, seeing none. Entertain a motion to adjourn.

Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 06:06

So moved.

Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 06:07

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:08

All right, we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Aye. We are adjourned. Goodnight, everyone.