

Item 23-1015: Approve new streetlight installation at 1617/1625 W. Weiland Lane in the amount of \$4,673.49

Item 23-1022: Request to approve a sole source contract to Gulf Coast Green Energy in the amount of \$406,000 for two (2) Electratherm PowerModule PM75 Organic Rankin Cycle Generators

Common Council

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Mayor Jake Woodford 55:02

All right. Let's move on then to the rest of our agenda. This is from municipal services item 23-1015. Approve a new streetlight installation, Weiland Ave. We have a motion. Is there a second? We have a motion and a second to approve. Any discussion? Alder Wolff.

Aldersperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 55:48

Thank you, chair. So, I was—someone reached out to me about a year ago to point out that there was a space that was missing, like a streetlight. And we brought that up. And here we are. Recently there was one constituent who did object to this. And I just wanted to point that out to the Council that this person would have the streetlight in front of their house, to make that known for them, since they did not appear to object in person. That is simply all I wanted to share on behalf of my constituent. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 56:27

Thank you. Any further discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 13 to zero. Item has been approved.

Mayor Jake Woodford 56:55

And on to Finance Committee. This is item 23-1022 request to approve a sole source contract to Gulf Coast green energy in the amount of \$406,000 for two Electratherm power modules. And we have a motion and a second to approve. Open the floor for discussion. Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 57:31

Thank you, Your Honor. There were several related items in the, going to the heat—the generating project here. But I wanted to focus on this one. Overall, I wanted to extend my gratitude for the hard work of the facilities department and sustainability manager Schrage for achieve—for obtaining the grants of over half a million dollars for this project.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 58:06

And this project is going to generate 504,000 kilowatt hours. A question I asked it finance committee which our staff very quickly got back to me with the answer on, that will power 46.8 average Wisconsin homes for a year. Also that alternative heat project is going—our biogas generation is going to go from 12.4 tons of CO2 to 0.8. In addition to what we as a city are reducing in terms of greenhouse gases, We are—WE Energies (and we've probably all heard that we energies is going to come to all of us for a rate increase this year), WE Energies is going to reduce their CO2 emissions by 214 tons, just based on the reduction in power that the city of Appleton is going to have to, you know—that what we're going to generate.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 59:16

And again, kudos to the team for getting these competitive grants to save the money and kudos to them for—both for doing something that is both environmentally sustainable, and financially, fiscally responsible.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 59:36

I picked this particular one because the question came up in finance, there was some concern over the fact that this was a sole source contract. This technology—these technologies are evolving rapidly. So, for some of this equipment, it's leading edge so I wanted to you know, follow up and the staff didn't have a whole lot of concerns that this equipment was going to be a problem from this one source. But overall, I'm ecstatic about this and I wanted to—it to be on record as just beyond the dry attachment to the agenda item. So, thanks to everybody.

Mayor Jake Woodford 1:00:22

Any further discussion? All right, hearing none we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes. Motion passes 13 to zero. The item has been approved.