

Additional Items: 24-0005, 24-0012, 24-0013, 24-0014, 24-0015, 24-0016

Finance Committee

Mon, Jan 08, 2024, 5:30PM

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:00

Item 24-0005 request to approve the relocation order of work for work at or near 1850 West Wisconsin Avenue.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 12:08

Move for approval.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 12:08

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:09

All right, a motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this item? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes five to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:22

24-0012 request to approve write off of \$74,881.54 of accounts receivable invoices and \$16,668.36 of personal property taxes outstanding over one year.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 12:35

Move for approval.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 12:36

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:37

All right. We have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this? Alder Hartzheim?

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 12:41

Thank you, Chair. I made this motion with the understanding that we are still as a city pursuing all of these accounts receivable and unpaid personal property taxes. And I would like to please ask the Director what our results look like from previous years of pursuing these things. Thank you.

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 13:03

Thank you, Chair. Yes, we—just because we write them off the book, we continue the collection process. So most of these will be going to a collection agency. We also use TRIP, the tax refund intercept program, whenever we're able to depending on the information that we have. So we do continue to pursue collection. How—the statistics on what we have, it's not something that we have readily available, because whether something takes six months or six years to collect, we have a long range there, and we've never accumulated statistics as far as over time what we have we sent versus what we've collected. So that's not something I can answer.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 13:47

Thank you. I'm just concerned that we make it look like it's okay if you don't pay your taxes, and that's not true. Thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 13:56

Thank you. Oh, Alder Van Zeeland.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 14:00

Is it my understanding that the personal property tax no—will be no longer after this year?

Director Jeri Ohman (Finance) 14:07

That is correct. But we will continue to pursue collection on the ones that are unpaid from prior years.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 14:12

Okay. Thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:15

Okay, anyone else? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes five to zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:25

24-0013 request to approve change order number four to contract 72-22 for unit H-21 redundant raw water line—

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 14:35

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:35

Thank you.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 14:36

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:37

We have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions? Alder Hartzheim. And then Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 14:42

Thank you, Chair. What I'm concerned about here is that we now have moved completely out of having any contingency available for this contract and also noting in the memo that that accompanied this motion or this item, there were some different from recorded drawings, and I'm concerned about how those things came about. Thank you.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 15:10

Thank you, chair. In instances where feel conditions different from record drawings, I would say the differences were minor but not minor enough to avoid having to obtain and install special fittings. One feature of this particular kind of pipe, unlike, say, typical examples of watermain, is there's really no play in this stuff. If you're installing a typical watermain, you get—you can expose a potential conflicting utility ahead of you, and you have an opportunity to kind of move stuff around a little bit, change the trajectory on your—that you're on in a way that's not going to compromise the integrity of the system. We didn't we didn't have that with this with this kind of pipe. There was there was very, very little room for error on here. So I would say these minor changes are what resulted in the need in some cases where like special fittings were identified.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:10

Director one. Thank you.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 16:19

As far as the not having any contingency left, I will say one of the reasons why no contingency would be left after this is because these are based on negotiated final quantity—final quantities for payment. And it includes releasing \$68,317.17 of unneeded contingency. If not for that release, we'd have that much contingency remaining.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 16:50

Thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 16:51

All right. Alder Fenton.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 16:52

So my question is along the same lines. Do the extra—the cost we have here include fixing the drawing, so if something happens in the next time they're right going forward?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 17:11

I will make sure that the as-built drawings accurately reflect the locations at those conflict areas. Yes.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:17

Thank you.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 17:18

All right. Is there anyone else? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes five zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 17:30

Item 24-0014 request to award unit H 23 Lightning Drive sewer and water grade and gravel bridge construction to Triple P incorporated DBA Peters concrete company—

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 17:40

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:41

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 17:42

All right. We have a motion a second. Any comments or questions on this? Alder Hartzheim.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 17:47

All of district 13 says "Hurrah, please approve this."

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 17:51

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes five to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:02

24-0015 request to award a sole source contract to McMahon for design bidding and construction oversight for the 2024 wastewater hardscapes improvement project for a contract fee of \$56,000.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 18:15

Move for approval.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:16

All right.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 18:16

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:17

We have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions? Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 18:23

Thank you, chair. I'll just note, this is a sole source. Those make me very uncomfortable.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:27

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes five zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:39

24-0016 request to award sole source contract to Nordon Business Environments for municipal services building furniture upgrades in the amount of \$189,135.72.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 18:51

Move to approve.

Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 18:53

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:53

All right a motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this? Alder Hartzheim.

Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 18:59

Sole source.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 19:01

All right. Alder Croatt.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 19:04

I agree with that concern about the sole source but if you read this memo, and maybe Director Gazza wants to comment a little bit on it, there are some really specific reasons why in this case. I totally agree with you, Alder Hartzheim, but there's definitely some benefits of using this firm and to be consistent with workstation type and—right?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 19:27

Yes, that that would be correct. To have the standard of the same workstation type throughout the facility, but also it's on the US Communities contract so we get better pricing than list price so—than we would if we would have bid it out. So government pricing it's interesting because office furniture's kind of like jewelry. They give the list price, but then you get like 50-55% off. It's weird, but anyway, but it does give us the best competitive pricing.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 19:59

That's good to hear. Thank you. And anyone else? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions. Motion passes five to zero.