

Item 24-0002: Request to award the Engineering Contract for the 2023 AWWTP L-Building HVAC Replacement Project to McMahon

Item 24-0003: Request to award the 2023 AWWTP B-Building HVAC Upgrades Project contract to Rohde Brothers, Inc

Item 24-0004: Request to award the Engineering Contract for the AWWTP MCC Replacement Project Phase 1 to Donohue and Associates

Finance Committee

Mon, Jan 08, 2024, 5:30PM

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:27

24-0002 request to award the engineering contract for the 2023 Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant L Building HVAC replacement project to McMahon in the amount of

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:37

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:38

Thank you.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:39

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:41

All right. We have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this? All right. All right. I'm not seeing any, so we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions. Motion passes five to zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:58

24-0003 request to award the 2023 Appleton wastewater treatment plant B Building HVAC upgrades project contract to Rohdes brothers incorporated in the amount of \$720,840 with a 9% contingency of \$64,876 for a project total not to exceed \$785,716 along with the following budget amendments, which will move \$54,000 from the electrical distribution project to the HVAC upgrades project.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:23

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 08:25

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:25

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

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:32

Thank you, chair. My concern is this one and the next where we're already doing some fairly large budget amendments. I'm concerned. Were we not on target with where we placed budget, or I mean—and when and when will we be able to not rob Peter to pay Paul?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 08:51

It's a—it's challenging, because here's what I would say with that is in some instances, say for example, US military, what they do is they'll engineer their projects, and they'll go out for bid in one year, try to get very precise numbers, pay somebody to do some estimate estimating for them, and then they'll take that number and put it in the budget the next year. What we do internally is basically use our own expertise and some of the expertise of what our architect or engineering firms giving us to come up with a budget number. And I like to think that most of the time we're on, but some of these are really unique and they're large, and we're in a time where things have been just really variable.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 09:44

So what I what I look at is, I might be doing 10 projects. The goal is not to go over on the 10, but if I have to take, I guess, this car cost more than in this car, but long as both cars end up being the same (you know, kind of like in our own personal budgets) that's where I really stress, if I had—would have to come back to you and say, "Hey, I need more money to accomplish these projects." I'm less stressed when I know one is maybe it bid really good, you know, and so I'm able to have some positive variance that I can use it on another project, versus of us coming back and saying, "I can't do these projects," you know, like I did with the roof project last year, just gotta just denied the bid and put it off a whole nother year. This year we have some flexibility in that, but I would just ask to, you know, kind of maybe look at it that way. But we do our best to try to bring them in, you know, or come up with a number, but not go through the effort of asking for estimates from somebody because even when we ask for estimates, hire somebody to do estimates, they're rarely right anyway.

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 10:54

Thank you. I—this was not as much a statement about staff because I know that we, you have, we have a great city staff. I—my concern is that we're early in the year, and we're making a lot of budget amendments for some substantial numbers. More as a statement than as a questioning of staff.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 11:12

Absolutely. Yeah, we would prefer not to have to do that without a doubt.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:20

All right. 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) 11:31

24-04—or 0004 request to award the engineering contract to the Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant MCCC—or sorry MCC replacement project phase one to Donahue and Associates in the amount of 100—

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 11:43

Move for approval.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:43

Thank you.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:44

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:45

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

Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 11:49

Ditto.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:50

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