

All Action Items

Finance Committee

Mon, Jul 22, 2024 5:30PM

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:04

All right, so we'll move into action items now starting with 24-0957 request to approve Riverside Cemetery Association reimbursement request for maintenance of veterans graves.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:15

Move to approve.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 09:16

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:17

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on this? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes three to zero.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:30

24-0958 request to reject bid from Newman pools incorporated for the meat pool plastering project.

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 09:36

Move to reject the bid.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:38

Second.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 09:39

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any comments questions? Alder Fenton and then Alder Croatt.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 09:44

Thank you, chair. Could I go ahead and direct my questions to Director Gazza? So, question on this. Can you help explain to me how we would do a scope reduction? It seems like we could either replaster the whole pool, or—could you just explain how we might go about a scope reduction in this project?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 10:10

Yes, absolutely. When I talked to staff about this, they put—the original budget was based off paint—repainting the pool with a lower life lifespan. And when they reviewed the alternative methods, one way would be do a full plaster, and you'd get more years out of it. Our idea would be to go back to the original scope, which is perfectly fine option to do. And because you can end up you can end up painting the pool, you know, a couple times two and a half times for the cost of the full plaster job. So, it was kind of in the original scope, but of painting was when you know, we knew at five years, we'd have to paint it. But then once we looked at it, we said, I wonder what it would cost to just do the longer, you know, we'll get a longer life out of it, but we'll just go back to the painting.

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Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 10:29

Thank you.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 10:38

Which is what we've been doing at both the pools.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:15

Thank you. Alder Croatt.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:21

Thank you, Chair. I think that answered my question. But the memo, the memo states basically that it was 350 to coat the pool with plaster. Are you saying that was a paint estimate?

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 11:34

Paint. Yeah, paint the pool.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:36

Okay. Because the bid is obviously—

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 11:37

That was my understanding anyway.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 11:38

Okay, because the bid was twice—more than twice that.

Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 11:41

Yeah.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:43

All right. Anyone else? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions. That passes three to zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:53

24-0959 request to approve change order number two to contract 21-24 for H-23 Lightning Drive extension phase one for added drain tile and earthwork in the amount of \$72,830 resulting in a decrease in contingency from \$92,934.82 to \$20,000—\$20,104.82. Overall contract increases from \$1,622,361.12 to \$1,695,191.12.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 12:27

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 12:28

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:29

All right. We have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this? Director Neuberger. Director one, there it is. Thank you.

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 12:39

Thank you, Chair. I don't have any comments, but I'm here to answer any questions the committee may have.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:45

Thank you. Any questions? Any comments? Alder Croatt?

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 12:49

Thank you, Chair. I'm just curious what this what this means for what we have left? It's a significant reduction in the contingency balance. Do we feel okay with where we're going to be?

Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 13:05

Yes, I think so, in part because even though the contingency on the stormwater component is being reduced to a very, very low number on this, there was actually significant positive bid variance on this project on the stormwater portion of the budget compared to compared to the budget. So actually, we did save a lot of money with the with the bids that we did get. So yes, the contingency is low, but there's also significant stormwater funds that are that are unallocated for the 2024 budget.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 13:37

Okay. Thank you for that clarification.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 13:41

Thank you, and anyone else? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes three zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 13:54

24-0960 request to award the 2024 police station gun range door project to IEI general contractor in the amount of \$44,838 with a 10% contingency of \$4,484 for a project total not to exceed \$49,322 along with the following budget amendment.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:15

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 14:16

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:17

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any questions? Any comments? All right, seeing none. We'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes three zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:30

24-0961 request to reject bid base bid from August Winter and Sons in the amount of \$2,617,900 for the Appleton wastewater treatment plant, primary clarifier number one through number four rehabilitation project.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:47

Move to reject base bid.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:49

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any comments questions?

Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:53

If we could have—I'm sorry...

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:54

What microphone number do you have?

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 14:58

Number one.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:58

Sorry. Sorry.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 14:59

Number one.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:00

Number One. Okay thank you. So go ahead. Sorry, Director One.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 15:05

Director one. Yes, sorry.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:06

Now we got it. Thank you.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 15:08

No comments, but I will field questions.

Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 15:12

All right. Any questions? Oh, go ahead Alder Fenton.

Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 15:17

So, I'm reading, and so we budgeted looks like maybe \$1,600,000 for this. So, did we expand the project after bidding and before we send it out to bids? That just just—explain a little bit of that to me.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 15:37

There's a little history with this specific scope as it started originally back in 2019. We pulled it because of the volatility of some of the budgets when it was bundled together with a larger scope of work. So, we had a high budget amount at that time specifically for this line item to repair the grouting and the coating. And so, I knew that number coming into the process, and I thought we had some buffer to add some things just based on some past experience. There's always a lesson to be learned with this, and it's—I'm not a maybe the best equipped to forecast cost increases.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 16:11

Specifically in the coating realm, there is a crazy high amount of costs that have come with coating in general, and I can give you some examples, even on a [indcipherable] project that we had awarded recently, between different coating companies. Delta's as much as \$500-\$600,000. And so, we saw that with this. The timing of this, of this bid was not good, and I knew that, and I was deciding even early in the year should we advanced

this, or should we just pump the brakes and wait? So, the timing of it because it is a warm weather required for some of this work, even though we extended the bid deadline—or the I'm sorry, the final completion work open until next year—these folks all had schedules, and they were trying to accommodate and get us in. And then waiting, also, if you wait too long, right, they can't forecast what the products are gonna cost. So that all factored in negatively in this in terms of how these bids came up.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 17:04

But yes, we did add some things. The cured in place pipe to these clarifiers; they're from the 1930s, and although as televisive, it's functional, it's good, but we want to get into a habit of—especially older infrastructure—not waiting, maybe like some do with their household sumps is waiting till it actually doesn't work and then replacing it. We want to get ahead of these things, to make sure that it's always functional. That's what we're tasked to do.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 17:31

So, we are backing out of this work. There's nothing in this project that we can't address on an emergency or as need basis at a lower level. And what I mean by that is with a rotating assemblies on these clarifiers, if something were to go bad, we can have a mechanical contractor come in, button some things up, get it back going, again. The grout is functional, it works, but it needs to be addressed at some point. And so, we're going to re-budget in a later year to replace a lot more of the equipment, because it's up to that date. So right now, in our capital plan, if you're looking at 2028, or 2029, that's when we have a larger project; it's going to accommodate this work but also the rotating mechanism—the big drive gears, the transmissions on these. They're very expensive. And by doing so, you make a project that's more attractive to mechanical contractors. You're actually moving stuff out to replace and grout and makes the work easier.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 18:25

So, we probably should have did that originally. But this was this was work that was identified a number of years ago. We're just trying to check it off, get it up off the list, and we're going to do so, but we're going to just wait and tackle it with a larger scope of work. Long winded question—or answer. So, I hope that answered that.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:48

Anything else? Alright, with that, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes three zero.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 18:58

24-0962 request to approve change order number one, disable mechanical as part of the Appleton wastewater treatment plant, final clarifier tank under drain and tank drain rehabilitation contract project totaling \$8,837, resulting in a decrease in contingency from \$6,662 to \$0 with a balance of \$2,175 covered by available project funds.

Aldersperson Chris Croatt (District 14) 19:26

Move to approve.

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:27

Second.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 19:27

All right we have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions on this item? Go ahead to Director Stempa.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 19:35

I only want to make comment because the subject lines probably longer than it needed to be. And it's not a big dollar amount. But I just want to make note that this this is a safety feature that should have been original to the project construction back in the 90s. The some of the stuff didn't exist back then for some of these devices, but we're adding that in.

Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 19:50

And I'll just make note. It's kind of a kudos to staff. This was the largest CIP. We actually were able to get some of this work done and maybe in a non-traditional sense, by directly contracting through RFQ processes to get specific emergency-like items completed. Staff are entertaining the idea of actually completing the balance of the work that was originally forecasted in the CIP internally. We got some talented millwrights and electricians that are going to try to complete the rest of this work. And I wouldn't mind giving an update, and it would be at utilities committee on the success of that project. So, just want to make a note of that.

Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 20:26

That's great to hear. Thank you. Is there anyone else with any kind of questions? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions. That passes three to zero.