

## All Action Items

### Finance Committee

Mon, Feb 24, 2025 5:30PM

#### **Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:52**

We have no public hearings or appearances tonight, so we'll move right on into the action items, starting with 25-0157, request to award the 2025 Pierce pavilion renovation project contract to RJM construction LLC, in the amount of \$391,300 with a 15% contingency of \$58,695 for a project total not to exceed \$449,995, along with the following 2024 to 2025 budget carry over appropriations.

#### **Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 01:21**

Move to approve.

#### **Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 01:22**

Second.

#### **Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:23**

All right, we have a motion a second. Any comments? Director Gazza, what microphone do you have there? District Four? All right, there you go.

#### **Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:31**

All right, thank you. Any questions? Alder Hartzheim.

#### **Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 01:31**

Thank you, chair. In regards to this project, just wanted to note we would have been within budget except for we ran—when we ran lead paint testing determined that there was quite a bit of lead paint on numerous spots of the pavilion, requiring us to strip that before we repainted. So that's why it requires the budget carryover appropriation in order to continue. I would have had this in the normal budget carryover, except for in order to meet the schedule for city band and all the activities that are already on the books and schedule for the spring, it required us to bring this ahead of the budget carryover normally we'd bring forward shortly here.

#### **Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:25**

Thank you, Chair. Almost 40 grand is a lot for lead paint. It's kind of unfortunate. I'm grateful that we have it in 2024 to bring forward. May I direct to Director Gazza? Director Gazza, why a 15% contingency? Are we talking about perhaps they're going to find more of a problem as they go along? Or—that's a pretty large number there.

#### **Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 02:51**

Yeah, we—with the with the paint specifically, and just the age of the facility, if we take—find any more rotten boards and things like that. If you go over to Pierce Park, I know all the columns there's a lot of them are rotted and so forth. Naturally, as you know, we don't use it unless we find something. But with the tight schedule, want to keep them on track and going. If we do come across something, we want to be able to approve it and keep them rolling.

#### **Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:18**

Thank you.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:20**

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

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:30**

25-0159, request to award the Appleton wastewater treatment plant 2025 L Building HVAC and receiving station upgrades project to August Winter and Sons incorporated in the amount of \$3,969,472 with a 12% 12% contingency of \$476,337 for a project total not to exceed \$4,445,809 along with the following 2024—

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:57**

Move for approval.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 03:58**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:59**

Thank you. This is going to be a—those are the long ones for today, so won't be as much to say on the next one. So, with that, any questions, any comments on this? All right, it seems pretty straightforward. It's—this is the one with the—it's good to see that there's that ability to get that two to one—two efforts with one here to get those efficiencies at the memo state. So, I was glad to see that shared. So, thank you for that. Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:31**

Thank you, Chair. Director Stempa, is this also one of those things that you wanted to get going on more quickly than the other carryovers would normally come through?

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:41**

Microphone, director? Director two—okay.

**Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 04:45**

It wasn't originally envisioned as part of the project. So, as the HVAC project developed and some other needs around L Building, specifically, that started with a digester project, which is another memo here, that we needed some improvements done that building. And we preferred to rather do them sooner than later, and since we had some unused project dollars, we wanted to put them to best use. And so, it just made sense to piggyback it with Dean's efforts.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:09**

Thank you.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:10**

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

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:20**

25-0160, request to award the 2025 Appleton wastewater tunneling—tunnel painting project contract to Bosk paint and sand blast incorporated in the amount of \$201,165 with a 10% contingency of \$20,116—

**Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 05:34**

Move to approve.

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:36**

Second.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:37**

All right, any comments or questions on this? Alder Hartzheim.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 05:42**

Director Gazza, where does this align as far as the budget? I would assume that we're coming in below, because we're looking at some competitive bids here. But where does this align as far as what that is supposed to cost?

**Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 05:54**

Yeah, so in the budget, it's an operation side of the budget, so we appropriated enough money for the painting. So, this doesn't exceed our amount, but it's not one number because it's in a pool of operations dollars. So, I couldn't say in this case we had \$225,000 or anything like that, but we're comfortable with the bids and happy.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:17**

Thank you. That makes sense.

**Director Dean Gazza (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities) 06:18**

Especially with the low bid compared to the high bid.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:21**

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

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:31**

25-0161 request to approve finance committee report for preliminary resolution 1-p-25 for sanitary laterals, storm laterals, and storm main construction.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:40**

Move for approval.

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:41**

Second.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:42**

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

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:56**

25-0162, request to approve finance committee report for preliminary resolution 2-p-25 for concrete pavement, driveway aprons, and sidewalk construction.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:06**

Move for approval.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 07:06**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:07**

Right. We have a motion a second. Any—Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:10**

Thank you, chair. Director Jungwirth, we—I have some folks on Cherryvale who are very interested in getting their bills for this. Don't ask me why they're thrilled about getting a bill, but I'm wondering what kind of time frame we're on after this approval?

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:25**

Microphone, Director, please? All right. Oh, sorry—director three. All right.

**Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 07:38**

I don't have that answer for you right now, but I will have for you before the end of this evening.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 07:43**

Excellent. Thank you so much, Deputy Director.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:48**

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

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 07:58**

Next up is 25-0164, request to sole source engineering construction services contract to Donahue and Associates incorporated for Appleton wastewater treatment plant anaerobic digester inspection, maintenance, and improvement projects in the amount of \$293,755 with a 10% contingency.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 08:20**

Move to approve.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:21**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:23**

All right, we have our motion and a second. All right. Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:27**

I apologize, Chair. I got a little confused, because I think you missed one.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 08:30**

Yeah, that's why I was confused too.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:32**

But that's okay. I'm ready to—

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:34**

Okay.

**Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 08:36**

I thought maybe you were saving it.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:38**

All right, sorry about that. I must have scrolled a little too far.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 08:40**

I do have a question on this one, if we want to stay with it though.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:44**

If that's fine, we'll just—

**Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 08:47**

Motion already.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 08:48**

Okay. Yes. Okay, sorry about that. So, Alder Hartzheim, go ahead.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 09:15**

Thank you, Chair. I always get nervous with these sole sources, but I see that there's quite a bit of background involved with this particular one. I was interested to see that ESD is a necessary acronym for Egg Shaped Digester. But my question, legitimate question, is that we're using—Director Stempa—we're using these funds, are proposing to use these funds, from an engineering services general fund. Is there enough there then do you expect for the future things that you expect to have done engineering wise for the rest of the year?

**Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 09:55**

So, the monies that were allocated for this work were budgeted for um as part of the process last year. So, there's two pots of money, one for operations because of the nature of the work. So just like a water tower recoating that's considered O and M. So, the engineering is also split up accordingly. So, some in some in operations and maintenance and some in capital. And so, in both buckets there's enough money to cover this, plus some.

**Director Chris Stempa (Utilities) 10:19**

Now I will say that with the contract amount that's being sought for approval here, if you look at that schedule on page five (and I just took their proposal, because I think it deserved enough detail for the committee to review) that takes us through to the point if we need to do improvements. So, if we need to put cathodic protection in, that level of effort right now remains unknown. And so, in fairness, Donahue may not use all this, but they also didn't plan for that large improvement if it's needed, because we don't know if it's needed. And so, if it's needed that that involves punching about 12 holes, about a foot in diameter around each digester circumference. I mean, that's just one aspect of this. That's a—that's not an easy ask. And so rather than forecast something almost two years out, we're trying to get through the immediate inspection. Let's see what we have. We might not need to do anything. I'm hoping that's the case—just some modest repairs and not have to go through with the cathodic protection. So, I just want to make that clear, as far as what what's being reviewed, if we get into the inspections on both and find out there is a significant level of corrosion, we would

move forward with that other work. That would have to be designed and a lot more thought put to how to, how about going to do it, because it's going to take time.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 11:44**

Thank you.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:46**

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

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 11:56**

All right, I will go back to the item I scrolled right past, which is 25-0163, request to award unit B 25 asphalt paving to Vinton construction company in the amount of \$1,285,258.51 with a 3.2% contingency of \$41,000 for a project total not to exceed \$1,326,258.51.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 12:22**

Move for approval.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 12:22**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 12:24**

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any comments? Any questions? All right, Deputy Director. Director three, there we go.

**Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 12:30**

All right, the packet online may have had a typo in the work description. There was a version out there that had "A 25". Of course, this is "B 25" and the language that shows up on the agenda is the correct language. So you have paper copies of the corrected version of the memo, just to make sure that you have those. We'll make sure that those get the minutes. And then, as long as I'm talking about this, just happy to see three good bids all within 10% of each other. So that tells us we've got some good, hungry contractors out there, and we've got good, consistent plans.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 13:04**

It's good to see. I know that's been a reoccurring theme, the bid competitiveness. So anytime we can see that there are multiple companies interested in working with the city, that's good for us. So, thank you. Any other questions or comments? Seeing none, let's go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five to zero.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 13:30**

See now we are up to 25-0171, request to approve contract amendment number 2 to McMahon for phase two solid state watering equipment upgrades and additional design construction management services in the amount of \$13,300 increasing the contract amount from \$188,900 to \$202,200.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 13:52**

Move to approve.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 13:53**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 13:54**

All right, we have our motion a second. Any comments? Any questions? All right, I'm not seeing any so we will go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? That passes five to zero.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:08**

25-0172, request to award Appleton wastewater treatment plant column and plank storage upgrades bid to Staab instructions—Construction in the amount of \$353,000 with a 2.5% contingency of \$8,825 for a project total not to exceed \$361,825.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 14:31**

Move to approve

**Alderson Chris Croatt (District 14) 14:32**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 14:33**

All right. Motion and a second. Any comments or questions here? All right, seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed. Abstentions. That passes five zero.