



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wastewater Commission

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207 A/B

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 9 - Natalia Taft, John Hewitt, Robert Lui, Claude Lois, John Tate II, Matthew Rejc, Paul Vornholt, Trevor Jung and Jason Meekma

EXCUSED: 3 - Stacy Sheppard, Dean Rosenberg and Cory Mason

[0124-23](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the January 17, 2023, Meeting

Recommendation: To Approve

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Hewitt, that this file be Approved

[0125-23](#)

Subject: Preliminary Budget Expenditures for December 2022

Recommendation: To Receive & File

Highlights of the financial report given by Administrative Office Manager, Ken Scolaro.

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Meekma, that this file be Approved

[0126-23](#)

Subject: Request Authority for Wastewater Director to sign License to Use Property/Hold Harmless Agreement with the City of Racine

Recommendation: To Approve

Wastewater Utility Director presented standard Hold Harmless Agreement drafted by the Department of City Development, which lays out land-use terms and parameters of legal protection during the time frame that the Utility will temporarily be using an alternate location at 1831 Phillips Avenue for the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Meekma, that this file be Approved

[0127-23](#)

Subject: Approval of Amendment to General Engineering Agreement with Brown & Caldwell for 2023

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director presented amendment to original consulting contract with Brown and Caldwell from April 12, 2022, for miscellaneous engineering services. This amendment will add an additional, not to exceed, amount of \$50,000 to the original proposal on a time and material basis.

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Alternate Vornholt, that this file be Approved

[0128-23](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract A-22, Chicory Road Area Sewer Improvements

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director submitted the bid results on Contract A-22, in the amount of \$4,743,639.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc. The Wastewater Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Lui, seconded by Lois, that this file be Approved

[0129-23](#)

Subject: Request Permission to accept Grant Funds from Focus on Energy related to Contract B-22, UV Disinfection Upgrades

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director requested acceptance of a Focus on Energy grant total of \$77,097.35, related to projected energy savings from the new UV disinfection equipment installation project.

A motion was made by Alternate Vornholt, seconded by Lois, that this file be Approved

[0130-23](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract B-22, UV Disinfection Upgrades

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director submitted the bid results on Contract B-22, in the amount of \$11,998,243.00 and recommended approval to the sole and lowest responsible bidder, that being Lee Mechanical Inc. The Wastewater Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Tate II, that this file be Approved

[0131-23](#)

Subject: Request Permission to accept Grant Funds from Focus on Energy related to Contract C-22, Engine/Blower Project

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director requested acceptance of a Focus on Energy grant related to projected energy savings from the installation of new engine/blower equipment. The actual grant award total is to be determined pending if the project qualifies for energy savings (\$70,000 to \$150,000) or a renewable energy project (up to \$200,000).

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Alternate Vornholt, that this file be Approved

[0132-23](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract C-22 Engine/Blower Project

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director submitted the bid results on Contract C-22, in the amount of \$5,295,000.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being August Winter & Sons. The Wastewater Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Alternate Vornholt, that this file be Approved

[0133-23](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract D-22, Biogas Conditioning Project

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director submitted the bid results on Contract D-22, in the amount of \$1,853,000.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being Lee Mechanical, Inc. The Wastewater Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Rejc, that this file be Approved

[0134-23](#)

Subject: Request Approval of Construction Engineering Contract with SEH related to Contract D-22, Biogas Conditioning Project

Recommendation: To Approve

The Wastewater Utility Director presented a proposal from SEH pertaining to engineering construction related services for the Biogas Conditioning Project management oversight on Contract D-22. Cost of the proposal is not to exceed \$241,100.00.

A motion was made by Alternate Vornholt, seconded by Lois, that this file be Approved

[0135-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft, submitting the Amendment of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Area Sewer Improvements Project

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 01/17/2023:

That the Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project, be Approved & Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on

01/30/2023: That the Wastewater Commission be allowed Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project.

Recommendation of the Wastewater Commission on 02/15/2023:

That the Amendment of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and

Easements Related to Chicory Road Area Sewer Improvements Project be Approved and Referred to the Finance & Personnel Committee.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 02/27/2023: That the Wastewater Commission be allowed Consideration and Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Land and Easements Related to Chicory Road Sewer Improvements Project.

Fiscal Note: The amended negotiated agreed cost with the property owner, KJJ Real Estate LLC, is \$109,974.00, based on independent appraisal.

This item was originally approved at the January 17, 2023, Commission meeting; however, the Wastewater Utility Director relayed that due to a calculation error found during the certified survey map (CSM) process, that an additional 3586 sq. ft. at a cost of \$6,260.00 is needed to construct the storage tank. The amendment changes the 0.673 acre at \$103,700.00 to 0.755 acres at \$109,960.00.

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Alternate Vornholt, that this file be Referred to the Finance and Personnel Committee

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made to enter into Closed Session by Vornholt, seconded by Hewitt.

AYES:

Tate

Taft

Meekma

Jung

Rejc

Vornholt

Lois

Hewitt

Lui

[0136-23](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Alder Taft requesting the Wastewater Commission meet regarding bargaining and development opportunities, which, for competitive and bargaining reasons, require a closed session.

Closed Session Discussion

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made to enter into Open Session by Vornholt, seconded by Tate

AYES:

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Recommendation: To Receive & File

A motion was made by Lui, seconded by Tate that this file be Received and Filed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.