



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Waterworks Commission

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

4:00 PM

Virtual

Roll Call

PRESENT: 7 - Terry McCarthy, Kathy DeMatthew, Natalia Taft, Cory Mason, John Tate II, Kathleen Fischer and Stacy Sheppard

EXCUSED: 1 - James Spangenberg

Approval of Minutes for the October 20, 2020 Meeting

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Secretary Taft, that this file be to Approve the Minutes

[0782-20](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for October 2020 totaling \$1,636,608.48

Recommendation: Receive and File

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by Secretary Taft, that this file be Received and Filed

[0725-20](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Retirement of Water Superintendent - Mike Kosterman
- B) Budgets approved by the City Council
- C) Covid Staffing Concerns
- D) Summary of Delinquent Accounts for the Tax Roll
- E) Annual Notification to PSC

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Secretary Taft, that this file be Received and Filed

[0726-20](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract W-20-10, Perry to Newman 36" Transmission

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted the bid results on Contract W-20-10, in the amount of \$7,765,290.00 and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being Mid City Corporation.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Secretary Taft, that this file be Approved

[0792-20](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 3 on Contract W-19-7, Spring Street Transmission Water Main, S.J. Louis Construction, Inc (Contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted Change Order No. 3 on Contract W-19-7 in the amount of \$105,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$6,436,465.65 and recommended for approval.

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by McCarthy, that this file be Approved

[0781-20](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-19-9, 933 Water Tank and Connection Foxconn, Landmark Structures I.L.P (Contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-19-9 for a credit amount of \$40,232.80, bringing the total contract amount to \$3,068,767.20 and recommended for approval.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Vice President DeMatthew, that this file be Approved

[0791-20](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-19-10, Spring Street Transmission - Phase 3, S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. (Contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-19-10 in the amount of \$309,600.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$6,289,420.00 and recommended for approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Vice President DeMatthew, that this file be Approved

[0793-20](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 4 on Contract W-19-11, 48-inch Perry to Newman Transmission Water Main, S.J. Louis Construction, Inc. (Contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted Change Order No. 4 on Contract W-19-11 in the amount of \$626,000, bringing the total contract amount to \$15,622,931.50 and recommended for approval.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Sheppard, that this file be Approved

[0779-20](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-19-15, 933 Braun Rd Pumping Station, J.H. Hassinger, Inc. (Contractor)

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted Change Order No. 2 on Contract W-19-15 for a credit amount of \$106,494.33, bringing the total contract amount to \$2,816,117.31 and recommended for approval.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Mayor Mason, that this file be Approved

[0729-20](#)

Subject: Amendment to Proposal from Dixon Engineering to prepare plans and specifications for the Perry Tank roof replacement project

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations submitted an amendment to the contract, which will include the coordination of removal and reinstallation of cellular antennas on the Perry Ave Tank roof. That follows terms and conditions on current cellular contracts. The amount for this service is \$12,850.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$59,600.00 and recommended for approval.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Sheppard, that this file be Approved

[0771-20](#)

Subject: Discussion of benefit changes for 2021 - Utility Employees

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager presented the benefit proposition that was drafted along with the directive to coordinate with Human Resources. The proposition is to be Adopted with the following amendment in section C (retiree medical benefits pre-65):

Maintain current policy, as the utility has applied a more restrictive "rule of 80" (total age + experience) since 2011 while the city has continued with a "rule of 75" through 6/30/2021. No employee hired on or after January 1, 2021, shall be entitled to any post-retirement benefits other than those provided through the Wisconsin Retirement System or otherwise as required by law.

No person hired on or after January 1, 2021, shall be entitled to remain on the City's health insurance program upon retirement.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Secretary Taft, that this file be Adopted As Amended:

[0775-20](#)

Subject: Approval of Law 732 wage increase for 2021

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations requested approval to offer Local 732, Labor Association of Wisconsin (LAW), a wage increase in accordance with the provisions of ACT 10. He noted a task rate for an employee passing and ABC licensing was also eliminated. The highest offer possible is a 1.56% increase and recommended approval. The General Manager and Commission President should be authorized to sign the contract.

A motion was made by Vice President DeMatthew, seconded by McCarthy, that

this file be Approved

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.