

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting

Agenda

June 4th, 2021

5:00 PM

Present: Kali Godfrey, Ken Koffler

Absent: Kysa Rasmussen

Visitors:

Mayor Norby, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Shanks, PWD Hintz, Jordan Mayer Interstate Engineering

1. 4th Avenue Water: Franz Liquidated Damages:

Alderman Koffler opened the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting at 5:20 PM to discuss the topics listed, Mr. Mayer stated that last October Interstate Engineering did an amendment for engineering of \$30,000.00 because Franz Construction was over the contract time. Mr. Mayer said with this project being complete the project was 37 days over contract time, and the city has an opportunity to access them liquidated damages of \$64,750.00, Mr. Mayer said \$30,000.00 of those funds are for engineering fees. Mr. Mayer said that Franz Construction did everything they could and even worked overtime to try and complete this project on time, Mr. Mayer also said there was a huge savings for the city to hire Franz Construction for this project instead of the other bidders.

Mr. Mayer stated that there was left over money in contingencies that \$325,000.00 was rolled over into the next project. Mr. Mayer did say that the city did not fork out any additional money on the 4th AVE Water Project that was anticipated, PWD Hintz is recommending not to charge them anything since it was their first big project that they have done for the city. Mr. Mayer did say that if the city does more forward with not charging Franz Construction with liquidated damages, then PWD Hintz and Mayor Norby should talk one on one with Arlon Franz and let him know that this is a one-time scenario that the city was able not to charge them. Mr. Mayer did say that SRF will not have any issues with this, and that the loan that was completed for West Holly already assumed that the city was not going to charge the liquidated damages. PWD Hintz said that Franz Construction has a very inexperienced crew out there working on that project and this was a big learning lesson for Franz Construction.

Alderman Koffler is making a motion to not charge Franz Construction any liquid damages for the 4th AVE Water Project, Alderwoman Godfrey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, all present voted aye.

2. ARPA Funds:

Mr. Mayer mentioned that not much more information has come out with the APRA Funds since the last time the Water and Sewer Committee met, and there is a training on June 14th, 2021. Mr. Mayer said that the city is already is receiving \$1.5 Million and there is \$2.1 Million in SRF Loans that the city can obtain without raising rates. Mr. Mayer said that the West Holly project

is roughly around two million and the city could use that as a match, Mr. Mayer said there is roughly around \$6.4 million in grants that the city could get without raising any water or sewer rates. Mr. Mayer said that with the competitive funding for pot c, that application is due on July 15th, 2021, and the city will need to decide on what projects they will be applying for. Mr. Mayer said that with pot b this one should be easy to go for, all that the city would need to do it put a technical memo together on why the city needs the funds and for what projects and then the state should approve it. Mr. Mayer did say that there are three ways to match without raising rates.

3. City of Sidney & IEI Master Services Agreement

Mr. Mayer stated that this IEI Master Service agreement was signed by the city back in 2016 for water engineering, if the city is happy with the services from Interstate Engineering, then the city would not have to go back through the solicitation process and just extend the contract. Mayor Norby mentioned he would like to send this to the city attorney for his approval before making a final decision on it at the next council meeting. PWD Hintz and Mayor Norby did say that he is very happy with the services from Interstate Engineering, Mr. Mayer said that this current contact is good until November of 2021.

Meeting was adjourned at pm 5:48 pm.

BreeAnn Shanks, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Ken Koffler, Committee Chair