

Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

Monday, August 20, 2001 - 6:45 P.M.

Council Chambers - County-City Building PRESENT: Mayor Wescott, C/T Schlice; Alderpersons Walther, Barr, Molski, Nealis, Moore

Also Present: Directors Gardner, Van Alstine; Clerk Zdroik, Alderpersons Sevenich, Filipiak, Seiser, Sowieja, Rackow, Phillips; Gene Kemmeter (Portage County Gazette), Andrea Glyzewski (Journal)

1. Consideration of Bid: #16-01 - 2001 Sewer Project.

City Attorney Molepske advised the Board that there appears to be some irregularities in connection with the bidding process on this project. The bid opening was scheduled for Monday, August 13, 2001, at 11:00 A.M. At 10:30 A.M. on that date, Wimmer Construction discovered that it had **not forwarded to the City its bid bond as required by the bidding documents. Wimmer s principal then faxed to the City a copy of their bid bond** fax received by the City consisted of two pages, the transmittal page and the power of attorney page of a proposed bid bond. Wimmer claimed that **it has faxed three pages to the City, which would have included the actual bid bond. However, only two pages were received by the City per Ci** fax record. Instead of returning the Wimmer bid to the contractor, the Wimmer bid was opened and was the lowest numerical bid on the project. The next lowest bid was that of Lakeland Enterprises which bid is approximately \$20,000 more than Wimmer. The detailed amounts of the bids are set forth in their respective packets.

Director of Public Works Van Alstine informed the City Attorney that the low bid (Wimmer) was approximately \$10,000 more than what was originally estimated by his department and the Lakeland bid would be approximately \$30,000 over the original estimate.

It was the City Attorney s recommendation to the Board of Public Works that the Board reject the Wimmer contract for not following the specifications and not submitting a bid bond. Based on the engineering estimate, the Lakeland bid was excessive and therefore all bids should be rejected.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice moved, Ald. Walther seconded, to reject the low bid from Wimmer Construction, Inc. of Wausau on the basis that no bid bond accompanied the bid.

Ayes; all; nays, none. Motion carried.

Ald. Molski moved, Ald. Barr seconded, to reject the second bid from Lakeland Enterprises of Rhinelander, which is \$20,000 over and above the first bid and \$30,000 over the original estimate which is excessive.

Ald. Rackow asked why the motion did not reject the third bid as well?

City Attorney Molepske said the third bid will not come into play. The second bid will then become the lowest bid which the City feel is excessive and the third bid is somewhat even more, so it will not come into play at all.

Ayes, all, nays, none. Motion carried.

2. Consideration of Quotes:

A) #12-01 - North Point Drive Street Lights.

There is a tie between Crescent Supply Company of Wisconsin Rapids and Traffic Signal Company of Wisconsin of Elm Grove. Per City Attorney Molepske, the state law does not prescribe a remedy for settling a tie.

Mayor Wescott asked the Board of Public Work s permission to settle the tie with a flip of a coin assigning "heads" to Crescent Electric Supply Company and "tails" to Traffic Signal Company of Wisconsin.

City Attorney Molepske said assuming there is a tie bid, some states, by statute will grant the local contractor a preference. Our statute is silent with regards to that. So he recommends flipping a coin.

Ald. Sowieja asked why the City would not take the local bidder.

Director Van Alstine said the bidders will use the same materials and will be maintained locally by the electricians.

Ald. Barr asked if the City had adverse experience with these bidders.

Director Van Alstine said no and the City has worked with both of them before.

The Mayor asked Gene Kemmeter, a neutral third party individual, to flip the coin, "heads" was assigned to Crescent Electric and "tails" to Traffic Signal. Mr. Kemmeter then proceeded to flip a coin with "tails" appearing.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice moved, Ald. Molski seconded, to accept the bid from Traffic Signal Company of Wisconsin of Elm Grove, in the amount of \$18,684.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried.

B) #17-01 - Steam Engine 2713 Restoration Project.

Director Van Alstine said in Division A, there is only one bidder which is Metal Crafters of Stevens Point, in the amount of \$25,857.

In Division B, the low bid is from Todd Rice Painting of Stevens Point, in the amount of \$22,000.00

Director Van Alstine stated the total cost is \$47,857 and there is \$32,000, in the budget.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice said he talked to John Jury, chairman of the Room Tax Committee. Mr. Jury said he supports the project but does

not feel a special meeting of the Room Tax Committee is necessary to deal with the overage on this project. Ald. Barr agreed.

Comptroller-Treasurer Schlice moved, Ald. Barr seconded, for approval of the low bid from Metal Crafters of Stevens Point, in the amount of \$25,857 and Todd Rice Painting of Stevens Point, in the amount of \$22,000, for a total of \$47,857, for the Steam Engine 2713 Restoration Project with the overage being funded by the Room Tax.

Ayes; all; nays; none. Motion carried.

C) #19-01 - Stevens Point Municipal Airport Fuel Tank Replacement Project.

Director Van Alstine recommends the bid from Northwest Petroleum Service, Inc. of Wausau, in the amount of \$14,556, which is within the budget. He also informed the Board that the delivery time for the fuel tanks will be from six to eight weeks.

Ald. Nealis moved, Ald. Moore seconded, to accept the low bid from Northwest Petroleum Service, Inc. of Wausau, in the amount of \$14,556.

Ayes, all; nays, none. Motion carried

3. Adjournment - 6:56 P.M.

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