

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Monday, July 11, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Jim Berns, Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Speropulos, Gary Ingvalson, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Nick Nichols, Tara Johnson, Dale Hexom, Brian Fukuda

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Spiker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2011, AND JUNE 21, 2011 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Spiker to approve minutes of the June 9, 2011, and June 21, 2011, committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Supervisor Schroeder pointed out corrections to statements he made about the County Landfill Master Plan, that it seemed like the plan hinged on acquiring the Schroeder property, and that it made it sound like the acquisition was needed for the redesign.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Benrud to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of June 2, 2011
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000
- c. Solid Waste Director's Report

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO LA CROSSE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARK DECLARATION OF PROTECTIVE COVENANTS**

The Resolution states that one of the lot owners has requested two amendments to the Declaration of Protective Covenants for the La Crosse International Business Park which would allow vehicle and equipment sales and service, and to allow a 45-foot high pylon sign. Brian Fukuda reported that the current covenants only allow monument signs. He also reported that the City of La Crosse will also have to approve any change in the covenants, and it is on the agenda for their consideration on July 14, 2011. The Economic Development Fund Board's recommendation was to approve the Resolution contingent upon the City of La Crosse and City of Onalaska approval, but to disallow the pylon sign.

**MOTION** by Johnson/Pfaff to amend the Resolution to delete the second bullet point in the Now Therefore Be It Resolved paragraph that states, "Allow one pylon sign not to exceed forty-five (45) feet in height and one hundred fifty (150) feet in size on lot 10." **Motion carried unanimously.**

**MOTION** by Berns/Pfaff to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Amendments to La Crosse International Business Park Declaration of Protective Covenants, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF PHASE II SALE OF VACANT LOTS IN MEADOW PARK ESTATES**

The Resolution states that the Phase I sale of vacant lots in Meadow Park Estates resulted in the sale of five lots, with another pending. The remaining lots have been appraised with a fair market value of \$17,000 to \$18,000. Phase II of the sale will release the lots for sale at a minimum of the appraised value. A 5% sales commission will be paid to any realtor who brings a successful offer on lots that remain unsold after bids are closed. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Phase II Sale of Vacant Lots in Meadow Park Estates. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE PATROL SUPERINTENDENT PICKUP TRUCK BID**

Ron Chamberlain reported that the Highway Department needs to trade in its old Ford Explorer for a new patrol superintendant pickup. The expense is budgeted. The following bids were evaluated by a team from the Highway Department and Purchasing Section, and rated on specifications and features (20 points), warranty and incentives (10 points), cost (50 points), and test drive (20 points) for a total of 100 points. Chamberlain recommended purchasing from Pischke Motors.

VENDOR	EVALUATION SCORE	COST
Pischke Motors 2011 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4X4	100	\$20,450.00
Dahl Ford 2011 F-150 Super-crew 4X4	Did not test drive	\$23,02000

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve purchasing the patrol superintendant's pickup truck from Pischke Motors for \$20,450.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE BID FOR EPOXY COATING IN JAIL SHOWERS (1997 JAIL)**

Jim Speropulos reported that 13 shower cells in the old jail will have epoxy coating applied to floors, walls, and ceilings. The following bids were received:

VENDOR	COST
Dynamic Concrete Resurfacing, LLC	\$55,489.07
KD Paint Contracting	\$61,659.00

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Berns to approve Dynamic Concrete Resurfacing, LLC, for epoxy coating of the old jail showers at a cost of \$55,489.07. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**REPORT ON LIGHTING RETROFIT STUDY AT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT WEST SALEM SHOP**

Jim Speropulos stated he was still gathering information, and asked to have the matter referred to the next meeting. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Johnson to hold over 30 days. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**DEMOLITION OF COUNTY FARM BUILDINGS AND POTENTIAL SALE OF 1 ACRE**

Jim Speropulos and Brian Fukuda showed photographs of three buildings on the Lakeview Farm that are deteriorating and have been vandalized, and present a liability issue for the County. The buildings will need to be razed at some point to make way for development. The site is included in the TIF project plan, but there is no projected new development to reimburse the TIF at this point. However, demolition could make the site more attractive to developers. There has been interest shown, but prospective developers have not been able to picture the site as developed. Bids will be issued for the demolition. A separate bid will need to be issued for asbestos abatement.

**MOTION** by Johnson/Schroeder to direct staff to draft a resolution for consideration at the August, 2011, meeting to tear down all three buildings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE REPAIR OF BLISS ROAD**

The Resolution states that Bliss Road is the most traveled route to Granddad Bluff by both citizens and visitors, and is a commuter route for residents of Shelby and Medary Townships. It has been unusable due to road failure after excessive rainfalls in August, 2010. Repair cost is estimated at \$400,000. The State Department of Transportation will contribute \$300,000 in flood grant money. The City of La Crosse has committed to contributing engineering costs estimated at \$60,000, and 50% of the \$100,000 balance after DOT grant money. The Towns of Medary and Shelby have committed to contributing a share of the remaining 50% (Town of Shelby - \$25,000, Town of Medary - \$8,333), and La Crosse County would contribute the remaining \$16,666. Supervisor Tara Johnson reported that citizens in the Town of Medary have collected almost \$7,000 as a private contribution for road repair. The County's share will be paid from excess sales tax revenue. Gary Ingvalson explained that the transfer of funds would require a 2/3 vote by the County Board. Discussion was held about setting precedence for County funding of township projects, and the potential for another road failure. Dale Hexom, City of La Crosse, pointed out that State grant money might not be available next year. Ron Chamberlain stated that a repair of Bliss Road would ease traffic on County Highway F, bring in quantifiable tourist dollars, and save on fuel use for County residents. Supervisors Johnson and Spiker spoke about the need for intergovernmental collaboration. **MOTION** by Johnson/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for the Repair of Bliss Road. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: AUGUST 8, 2011**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Reconsideration of the intersection redesign of County B and BW

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

**Approved,** August 8, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder