

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 8, 2011
Administrative Center – Room 3220
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Jim Berns (4:12), Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Mary Kauffmann, Bryan Jostad, Gary Hougom, Mike Weidemann

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2011

MOTION by Benrud/Johnson to approve the Minutes of August 8, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Pfaff/Johnson to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

- Check Requisitions over \$20,000
- Letter from Hmong Mutual Assistance Association, Inc.
- Solid Waste Director's Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

- Supervisor Schroeder attended the Solid Waste Assessment Committee. He asked about the timeframe to accomplish, and Hank Koch responded that the City requires new equipment that would take up to a year to obtain. He feels their schedule for changing collection and recycling is accurate.
- Hank Koch reported on the discussion at the Solid Waste Policy Board meeting, which included a report on the land use plan, an advisory resolution regarding burn barrels, and discussion on the 2023 contract update, solid waste assessment, a possible pilot program on ag waste, the haulers rebate agreement, and conditions for new system members.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TRUCK

The Resolution states that the Facilities Department needs to replace its 1998 Toyota truck, which was recalled and bought back by Toyota. Funds are available from the sale of kitchen equipment and the Toyota buy-back funds. The remainder would be a capital equipment expense. At the August 8, 2011, meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, the low bid was by Ewald Automotive, which the committee approved. However, the County Board referred the Resolution back to committee to seek bids for a flex fuel compact truck. Jim Speropulos reported that compact trucks were not available that could use alternative fuels. A larger truck that could use alternative fuels would not be

suitable for the purpose, which is primarily to clear snow from County parking lots and sidewalks. The recent bids were received as follows:

Vendor	Location	Make/Model	Fuel type	Cost
Ewald Automotive	Oconomowoc	2012 Chevy Colorado Regular Cab	Regular gas	\$18,016.00
Ewald Automotive	Oconomowoc	2012 Chevy Colorado Extended Cab	Regular gas	\$19,222.00
Brenengen Chevrolet	West Salem	2012 Chevy Colorado Regular Cab	Regular gas	\$18,056.00
Bob Fish GMC Truck	West Bend	2012 GMC Canyon Regular Cab	Regular gas	\$18,326.16
Bob Fish GMC Truck	West Bend	2012 GMC Canyon Extended Cab	Regular gas	\$19,532.66
Dahl Automotive	Onalaska	2011 Ford Ranger Supercab	Regular gas	\$20,584.00

Lengthy discussion was held regarding selection of lowest vs. local bid. Gary Ingvalson reported that a new state law says the low bid must be accepted for construction bids, but there is more latitude in the case of equipment bids. Supervisor Berns asked about delivery dates ranging from 60-90 days, and Speropulos explained that all delivery times were estimates depending on factory production. Supervisor Geary pointed out that Brenengen Chevrolet would be performing maintenance regardless of which vendor was selected. He also stated that both Ewald and Brenengen were able to bid competitively with other vendors outside of their own areas.

MOTION by Johnson/Benrud to purchase a 2012 Chevy Colorado Regular Cab truck from Brenengen Chevrolet for \$18,056.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Johnson-aye, Benrud-aye, Spiker-no, Berns-no, Schroeder-no, Pfaff-aye, Geary-no. **Motion failed 4-3.**

MOTION by Geary/Schroeder to purchase a 2012 Chevy Colorado Regular Cab truck from Ewald Automotive for \$18,016.00. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Johnson-no, Benrud-no, Spiker-aye, Berns-aye, Schroeder-aye, Pfaff-no, Geary-aye. **Motion carried 4-3.**

MOTION by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Replace Facilities Department Truck as amended. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Johnson-no, Benrud-no, Spiker-aye, Berns-aye, Schroeder-aye, Pfaff-no, Geary-aye. **Motion carried 4-3.**

APPROVE OKTOBERFEST PARKING; HOLD DRAWING FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO HOLD FUNDRAISING CONCESSION

Jim Speropulos reported that Oktoberfest parking could be available in Lots A and C on weekends during Oktoberfest. County departments were contacted about holding fundraisers for non-profit civic or youth oriented organizations, and there was one response from the DARE program in the Sheriff's Department. **MOTION** by Johnson/Berns to approve a DARE program fundraiser in County Lot C during Oktoberfest, 2011.

APPROVE INFORMATION KIOSK AT NESHONOC BOAT LANDING

Jim Speropulos reported that the God's Country Chapter of Muskies, Inc., has requested to construct a kiosk with information, such as a lake map, fishing regulations, information about invasive species, events notices, photographs, and lake project updates. The kiosk would be constructed of stained wood with plexiglass protection over the display. Mike Weidemann, president of the God's Country Muskies, Inc., stated the organization would be responsible for construction and upkeep. Speropulos stated he would take the matter to the

Lake Neshonoc District committee. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to approve an information kiosk at the Neshonoc boat landing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE LA CROSSE SAILING CLUB REQUEST FOR SAILBOAT REGATTA ON LAKE NESHONOC

Jim Speropulos reported that the La Crosse Sailing Club has requested a regatta on September 17-18, 2011, on Lake Neshonoc. They have conducted the regatta on Lake Onalaska in prior years, but the weed situation on the lake has interfered with the race. As part of their request, they have asked to have some members allowed to camp to watch and secure their property overnight. No campfires will be allowed. Speropulos recommended approval, and said he would be advising the Lake Neshonoc District committee. **MOTION** by Benrud/Berns to approve the La Crosse Sailing Club request for a sailboat regatta on Lake Neshonoc on September 17-18, 2011, to include camping in Neshonoc Park South.

ORDINANCE TO CREATE SS.308(1)(R), 3.085, AND 19.035 AND AMEND 19.03 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN RELATING TO THE CONCEALED OR OPEN CARRY OF WEAPONS OR FIREARMS

The Ordinance addresses the "Concealed Carry Law" enacted by 2011 Wisconsin Act 35. In compliance with state law, the County proposes to prohibit employees who are not law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties from carrying weapons or firearms while on duty. It further prohibits possession of firearms in County buildings where notices are posted, and from events at County parks where there is proper notification. Jim Speropulos stated the prohibition could extend to leased buildings, such as County libraries, if the owner approves. There will need to be a 5 inch x 7 inch sign at every entrance. Steve O'Malley reported that Corporation Counsel will be checking with the insurance carrier about liability questions. **MOTION** by Johnson/Schroeder to approve the Ordinance to Create SS.308(1)(r), 3.085, and 19.035 and Amend 19.03 of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin Relating to the Concealed or Open Carry of Weapons or Firearms. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE SNOW PLOW TRUCK CHASSIS BIDS

Ron Chamberlain reported that the Highway Department has budgeted the purchase of two single axle trucks and equipment for 2011. They are set up for winter maintenance operations, and able to effectively perform shouldering operations the rest of the year. Since the cold storage building budgeted for 2011 will not be built, funds from that project will assist with the purchase of the truck and equipment. Bids were rated by a team from the Highway Department and the Purchasing Manager on the following criteria: Specifications and feature (35 points); warranty and incentives (15 points); cost (50 points). Bids were evaluated as follows:

VENDOR	EVALUTION SCORE	COST
River States 114DS Model	99	\$128,560.00 per truck Total - \$257,120.00
River States M2 112V Model	Did not meet specifications	\$128,275.00 per truck Total - \$256,500.00

Chamberlain recommended the 114DS Model from River States. The cost will come out of the machinery fund. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Benrud to approve purchasing two truck chassis 114DS Models from River States at a total cost of \$257,120.00.

APPROVE SNOW PLOW TRUCK EQUIPMENT BID

Ron Chamberlain reported that the Highway Department budgeted the purchase and installation of equipment for two single axle trucks. Proposals were evaluated by a team from the Highway Department and the Purchasing Manager on the following criteria:

Specifications and features (35 points); warranty and incentives (15 points); cost (50 points). The following points were awarded:

VENDOR	EVALUTION SCORE	COST
Universal CST plow	Does not meet specification	\$102,694.00 per equipment package Total - \$205,388.00
Universal BH plow	99	\$104,454.00 per equipment package Total - \$208,908.00
Monroe	96	\$107,688.00 per equipment package Total - \$215,376.00

Chamberlain recommend the Universal BH plow. The cost will be paid out of the machinery fund. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve purchasing two BH plows from Universal at a total cost of \$208,908.00.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE CONTRACTOR SERVICES AND REBID CITIZEN CONTAINER SERVICES

Hank Koch spoke about a pattern of policy violations that have occurred with the current vendor who picks up and empties the citizen containers, the scrap metal container, and other miscellaneous containers. The vendor, Ronnie's Clean Up Service, does not have a contract in place due to the owner's refusal to sign one. Koch reported that he has issued four verbal warnings, and two written warnings regarding the violations. He recommended terminating services and re-bidding the contract, and stated that Corporation Counsel supports termination. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to terminate Ronnie Marshall's vendor services for citizen container services. **Motion carried unanimously.** **MOTION** by Pfaff/Berns to approve rebidding the vendor contract for citizen container services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DISCUSS CHANGE ORDER FOR ENGINEERING ON GAS TO ENERGY PROJECT

Hank Koch reported that Foth Engineering requested a \$20,000 change order for engineering services associated with the Gas to Energy project. Koch noted that engineering costs and construction costs were budgeted separately. There are sufficient monies remaining in the consulting services budget, and construction services are under budget. Koch explained the change order is related to unforeseen field conditions, including too many utility lines where boring under a street was being done, that caused a month delay. He reported that he negotiated what he considered a fair amount, and recommended approval of the change order. **MOTION** by Benrud/Spiker to approve the Foth change order for \$20,000. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO HAULER REBATE AGREEMENT

Hank Koch provided a summary of changes to the Hauler Rebate Agreement that have been proposed and considered, as follows:

- 1- Reciprocity – It was mutually agreed that a reciprocity agreement would burden both the Solid Waste Department and the hauler with a additional record keeping and enforcement. No revision proposed.
- 2- Price increases – Solid Waste Department cannot guarantee a disposal price since their costs also rise. Furthermore, it is part of the budget process which is open to public input. No revision proposed.
- 3- Hours of operation – A consensus was reached that the landfill's weekday hours could be increased one hour per day, and that request has been entered into the 2012 budget.

- 4- Diversion or recycling of waste materials – The revision proposes that any hauler may seek approval from the Solid Waste Department to separate materials for recycling prior to disposal at the landfill, and dispose of the recyclable materials at an alternative site of the hauler's choice. There would be a requirement in the approval to report tonnages that are being diverted.

MOTION by Pfaff/Berns to approve revisions to the hauler rebate agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVE POLICY FOR COUNTY FACILITIES REGARDING CONCEALED CARRY, WIS. STAT. 943(1)(H)

Duplication of previous item.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: OCTOBER 10, 2011

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2012 budget review

St. Joseph's Equipment update (December, 2011)

Business park covenants

Update on Gas to Energy project for full County Board

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Benrud/Berns to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Approved, October 10, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder