

POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

Present: Liechty, Parisien, Kourajian, Nygaard, Dalsted, Sveum, Reuther, Quam, Schwartzkopf and Fuchs.
Absent: Schulz.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council approve balancing quantities Change Order No. 2, to Border States Paving, Inc., relating to Seal Coat, Patching, Construction and Reconstruction District #08-41, for a net decrease in the contract price of \$118,825.64. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz seated himself.

Randy Pope and Travis Dillman, Interstate Engineering, Inc., provided an update relative to the timeline on the Downtown Parking Lots Reconstruction Project. The committee discussed areas of concern with obtaining easements from BNSF and the desire of the railroad to close the 3rd Avenue West crossing.

Kourajian moved to table any decisions on the Downtown Parking Lots Reconstruction Project until after city officials meet with BNSF officials on October 1, 2008. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Travis Dillman provided the committee with a review of the findings regarding Storm Water Improvements in the area of the East Railroad Drive Property. He indicated that the findings resulted in three improvements for consideration by the committee which consist of the following:

1. Construction of a curb and gutter section along the southerly side of Railroad drive with an opinion of estimated cost of \$125,000.
2. Storm Sewer Construction to pick up the water flows from 12th Avenue, 2nd Street and Railroad Drive with a connection to the system at 11th Avenue at an opinion of estimated cost of \$200,000.
3. A detention pond constructed on the westerly end of the Railroad Drive property where the L-shaped building is currently situated at an opinion of estimated cost of \$140,000.

Liechty moved to table discussion relative to any improvements to the October Public Works Committee meeting pending further review by the committee members. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Interstate Engineering, Inc., provided an update relative to the public information meeting held on the US Hwy 281 Transportation Enhancement Project. The Committee discussed the proposed planting project, as well as the possibility of including an irrigation system in the project area at an approximate additional cost of \$200,000. The Transportation Grant that is available amounts to \$125,000 on an 80-20 basis. Vern Quam, City Forester, indicated that he did not feel an irrigation system was necessary and that the plantings, soil preparation, labor and other amenities would require most of the available funds.

Parisien moved to recommend the City Council authorize Interstate Engineering, Inc., to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the US Hwy 281 Transportation Enhancement Project without any irrigation. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council accept the offer of Newman Signs to construct and finance the cost for new signage at the intersection of US 281 and 17th Street South directing visitor's to the buffalo site. Seconded by Liechty.

Liechty moved to amend the motion to include approval of the final signage design by the City Council prior to construction. Seconded by Nygaard. Voice vote on the amendment showed: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Schulz). Carried.

Voice vote on the original motion as amended showed: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Carried.

Liechty moved to recommend the City Council authorize the allocation of \$50,000.00 in city funds to match a \$200,000.00 grant from the North Dakota Department of Transportation to be used to update the Land Use and Transportation Plan for the city. Seconded by Parisien. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Jeff Fuchs, City Administrator