

PUBLIC WORKS, POLICE & FIRE COMMITTEES

January 26, 2012

Present: Andersen, Kourajian, Schulz, Nygaard, Dalsted, Reuther, Sveum, Suko, Schwartzkopf and Fuchs.
Absent: Gumke.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council approve the request of LeAnn Buckley and others to conduct a fund raiser to provide funds toward the purchase of a remote operated vehicle to provide for underwater search and rescue operations by the Jamestown/Stutsman County Dive Team. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council award the bid for SCUBA gear/equipment to Mick's Scuba in the amount of \$54,558.43 pending City Attorney review. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve the following Resolutions pertaining to Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter District #12-11:

- 1) To set up and establish the district.
- 2) To direct the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the construction of the district.
- 3) To accept and approve the plans and specifications, as prepared by the City Engineer, for the construction of the District.
- 4) To direct the City Administrator to advertise for bids for the construction of the district.

Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Several city residents appeared to express concerns regarding tree trimming performed by the City Street Department on boulevards within the city. It was reported that the City now requires the City Forester to directly advise city crews when trimming is performed and in the future. It was also reported that city administration will prepare a policy's and procedure's to be approved by the City Council and implemented in the future notifying adjacent property owners of the requirement to have the necessary trimming performed on their own initiative, prior to the city performing the work with the costs assessed back to the property owner.

Andersen moved to direct the City Engineer to send a written apology to the homeowners that appeared to register concerns regarding the tree trimming. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Discussion was held relating to the letter received from owners along the East Business Loop relating to the East Business Loop Reconstruction Project time schedule and the request for 5 year property tax exemptions to offset asserted loss of income by business owners along the route. It was the consensus of the committee to have the City Attorney review the legality of providing any tax relief, and provide an opinion to the committee, prior to considering the request of the property owners.

Kourajian moved to recommend the City Council approve the letter prepared by Ulteig Engineers, Inc., addressing the contractor request for a time extension to complete construction on the East Business Loop Reconstruction Project. Seconded by Schulz. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve payment of an invoice to RTS Shearing, LLC, in the amount of \$29,900.00, relating to the 2011 Sandbag Removal & Disposal contract. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve payment of an invoice to Interstate Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$20,407.50, relating to the 13th St North Water Main River Crossing Replacement project. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Schulz moved to recommend the City Council approve payment of Progressive Estimate No. 1, to K & H Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$64,800.00, relating to the 13th St North Water Main River Crossing Replacement project. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Andersen moved to approve the request from Dakota Fence to open a landfill charge account. Seconded by Nygaard. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Andersen moved to recommend and place on the next Finance & Legal Committee agenda establishing new positions for an Operator III in the Street Department and a Baler Operator II in the Sanitation Department. Seconded by Kourajian. Unanimous aye vote. Carried.

Jeff Fuchs
City Administrator