

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, July 12th, 2023** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Chair Mitchell, Davis, Oswald, Simmons

ABSENT: Corbin

OTHERS PRESENT: Law Director Deery, Safety Service Dir Lundy, Engineer McKillips, Public Works Sup Conner

1. Approval of the Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes ~ June 7th, 2023.

Mrs. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. Oswald to approve the 'said' meeting minutes.

2. The matter of an Amendment to Exhibit C of the Rural Lorain County Water Authority Agreement.

Referred by Public Works Supervisor Conner *(This matter will also go to Finance on 7/24)*

Sup Conner said they are asking to extend the contract with Rural Water for six months at the current rates. It's for the area of Chestnut Commons and they have Elyria water but they are in the Rural Water District. Elyria bills and collects payments and we pay Rural Water a portion of that. The contract has been in place for 10 years and it's up in December and they'll sit down with Rural Water and talk about adjusting it. This contract is for the restaurants and businesses in Chestnut Commons. The department billed \$10,000 in water in the first half of this year and paid Rural Water \$5,000.

Mrs. Simmons moved, Mr. Oswald second to authorize the amendment to the 'said' agreement to reflect the extension of the 'said' contract at the same rate.

MOTION CARREID COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to submit applications for the grant and or loan for OPWC Projects (round 38) for the year 2024.

Referred by Engineer McKillips *(This matter will also go to Finance on 7/24)*

Engineer McKillips said this is an annual program and they submit applications for the larger street resurfacing projects. This includes Abbe (University, N to East Broad), Furnace (Lake Ave to West River), West River (Furnace to Rt 57), Leona (Griswold to Midway Blvd.), Midway Blvd. (Tillotson to West River). Apps are due Sept 1st.

Mrs. Davis moved, Mrs. Simmons second to authorize and ordinance to submit applications for grants and /or loans from OPWC for 2024 Street projects.

MOTION CARREID COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT to reconstruct and widen pavement on I-90 within the city corporation limits.

Referred by Engineer McKillips *(This matter will also go to Finance on 7/24)*

Engineer McKillips said that ODOT reached out to the City because part of their proposed project does go thru the City of Elyria. They're looking at widening and reconstruction I 90.

It will also include a small part of Route 2 from the Rt 611 Interchange and to where the turnpike interchange is, which is west of Rt 57. There is no cost to the City for this. Construction to start in 2025 and it will take about 2 years to complete.

Dir Lundy said he say this study that was done and the traffic issues. A lot of accidents, especially west bound traffic. It's good for Economic Developments, when there are more lanes. The State is picking up the tab. It's positive for the City.

Dir Deery said since there is no cost for the City unless we ask for some sort of extra, she requested this matter be removed from the Finance Agenda.

Mrs. Davis said there has been an issue with sound barriers. And at Creekfield, there have been vehicles have rolled off of I90 and onto resident's yards. They need to discuss barriers.

Engineer McKillips said they've had conversations with ODOT regarding those issues. ODOT said they will look at those issues through the design process. Sound barriers were also part of the study that ODOT performed and the plans aren't completed yet.

Mr. Oswald said residents on Hemlock had received letters from ODOT, and the residents want to have the barriers. The letter that was mailed from ODOT, District 3 and it stated that they will be putting up the barriers that have been requested.

Mr. Lundy said sound barriers are political and when those requests are made they need to be members of the right party. They are very costly.

Mr. Oswald moved, Mrs. Simmons second to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT for 'said' project.

MOTION CARREID COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

5. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with an ODOT pre-qualified engineering consultant for the Cleveland St. project. Referred By: Engineer McKillips (*This matter will also go to Finance on 7/24*)

Engineer McKillips said this is a request similar to the East Broad St project. They are in the process of reviewing submittals from four different consulting firms. They will provide construction administration and inspection services for the Cleveland St project. Similar to the East Broad St project, this will be funded through NOAKA and Elyria will have a portion of the cost which will be not to exceed \$500,000, about 10% of the total construction cost. They have already chosen the contractor and are waiting to get it approved thru ODOT and now they need to hire a pre-qualified engineering firm to do the administration and inspection services. The City has a State Infra structure bank loan that is going to cover its portion of the costs.

Mrs. Davis moved, Mr. Oswald second to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into 'said' agreement for 'said' services for Cleveland St. project and not to exceed \$500,000.

MOTION CARREID COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

6. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into change order #1 for the Cleveland St. Project. \$250,000.00 (+5.09 % increase).

Referred by Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said ECO require that Council approve change orders that are over 10% of the contract or \$100,000 or more. This project is 5 million dollars and since we're using Federal Funds we cannot have any contingency amounts in the contract. In order to avoid delays, they need to get the amount pre-approved.

Mrs. Simmons moved, Mrs. Davis second to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into 'said' change-order, adding an amount of \$250,000 which is an increase of 5.09%

MOTION CARREID

COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

7. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into change order #1 for the E. Broad St. Project. \$250,000.00 (+3.32 % increase).

Referred by Engineer McKillips

Engineer McKillips said this is the same as the Cleveland St project. It's for an amount of \$250,000 and the original contract amount for this project is 7.5 million dollars.

Mrs. Simmons moved, Mr. Oswald second to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into 'said' change-order, adding an amount of \$250,000 which is an increase of 3.32%

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Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mrs. Davis moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant