

# **The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee**

held a meeting on **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023** at 6:00 P.M.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Mitchell, Simmons, Corbin, Oswald

**ABSENT:** Davis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Asst Law Director Breunig, Safety Service Dir Lundy, Engineer McKillips,

**1. Approval of the Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes ~ October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

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

**2. The matter of the purchase of a Ford F-350 Truck for the Water Pumping Plant.**

Referred By: Water Team Leader Jacob

Engineer McKillips will present this matter as Mr. Jacob is not in attendance.

Eng. McKillips said that Water Pumping is requesting approval to purchase a F-350 Truck. Cost not to exceed \$70,000 which includes the plow and everything that goes with the plow system. They will purchase it using the Ford Fleet government pricing program. It usually would take 6 to 8 months to get it in, but the Fleet Manager found a truck at a local dealership and while it's available, they want to go ahead and make the purchase. Monies are allocated in this year's water pumping budget. This vehicle will be replacing the oldest truck in the fleet. They are requesting to pass this as emergency. Eng. McKillips clarified that the referral said this would cost \$60,000 but with additional information that was received, they would like to increase it to \$70,000 which includes the plow and lights.

Mr. Breunig said he is not familiar with the Ford Fleet Government pricing program and he assumes that's equivalent to State Purchasing, but do we need to pass legislation to be a member of that?

Eng. McKillips said no we don't and it is equivalent to State Purchasing.

**Motion made by Mr. Corbin and second by Mr. Oswald to authorize an ordinance authorizing the purchase of the 'said' vehicle through the Ford Fleet Government pricing program and not to exceed \$70,000 and Emergency Clause is requested.**

**MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**3. The matter of a Change Order for the Washington Village Park parking lot improvement project.**

Referred By: Engineer McKillips

Eng. McKillips said this is a request for additional funds that were utilized at the Washington Village Park parking lot which was installed recently with grant funding. This park is on the West side of town off of Fowl Road. Additional funds were used for additional sidewalks, access to the parking lot. In discussion with the contractor and in order to utilize the space more efficiently we wanted to increase the distance that the drive approach is from the parking spaces to make it easier to use. They also added a drainage pipe and yard drains to take care of additional drainage issues. That totaled \$17,860, which exceeds the contract amount.

Mr. Oswald thanked Eng. McKillips for inviting him to go look at that park, it's very nice and the contractors did a great job. We have many nice parks in Elyria.

**Motion made by Mrs. Simmons and second by Mr. Oswald to authorize an ordinance to enter into the 'said' change order., emergency clause is requested.**  
**MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

**4. The matter of applying for an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Grant.**

Referred By: Parks Dir Reardon *(This will also go to Finance on 11/13)*

Dir Reardon wasn't available to attend the meeting this evening. Asst Law Dir Breunig is speaking in place of Dir Reardon and he got a quick rundown on this from Dir Reardon. Dir Breunig said this is a non-matching grant, 100% paid for by grant funds. It is to replace an existing water fountain for one with a bottle filler at South Park. The award ceiling is \$10,000 and it would be finished in the Spring.

**Motion made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mrs. Simmons to authorize an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for 'said' grant. Emergency clause is requested due to grant deadline.**  
**MOTION CARRIED COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN**

*Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn.*

**Mr. Oswald moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons.**  
**MOTION CARRIED** *The meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.*

*Respectfully Submitted by,*

*Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant*