



Public Works Department

November 22, 2019

Memorandum for Public Works Committee

From: Jeffrey A. Lincoln, Public Works Director

Subject: Minutes of meeting of November 12, 2019

1. Meeting Convened at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, due to the observance the previous day of Veterans Day. Council members Wright and LaFleur present. Mr. Chevassus absent. Staff Lincoln present.
2. Minutes for October 14, 2019 were approved.
3. Lincoln requested to add agenda item, "Tonight's Consent Agenda, Award Railroad Street construction contract" – approved.
 - a. Old Business : None.
4. New Business:
 - a) Consent Agenda for tonight: Lincoln informed the committee that responsive bids were received from 22 contractors for the improvements of Lincoln Street between Battersby and Myrtle. Bidding was very competitive and recommend award. The lowest responsive contractor was Pivetta Brothers Construction for \$440,027.90, which was 25% below the engineer's estimate. Details are in the Council Packets. The committee is in unanimous support to award.
 - b) Action Agenda: The Ordinance to forgo rate increases for Sewer and Water is on the agenda. Committee is in support.
 - c) Action Agenda: The ordinance to increase Stormwater rates from \$5.25 per ESU to \$6.50 is on the agenda. The committee was reluctantly supportive with the expectation that that rate could be sustained for 4-5 years.
 - d) The Committee discussed the proposed ordinance that would require the undergrounding of utilities for future development or, under some circumstances, redevelopment. Concerns were expressed regarding potential delays in some projects based on additional time required for PSE design and construction.
5. The committee discussed the impacts of the loss of \$20.00 car tabs via I976. The loss means that the revenue from the .1% sales tax will be enough to repay the balance of the debt, and the 2019 ending fund balance will provide sufficient funds for the match to the two grants pending (Cole St, Roosevelt to Stevenson and Warner, Semanski to SR \$10) and potentially one smaller pavement preservation project. The question of whether or not the \$20 fee on car tabs can be restored by the voters is being investigated by the city, while there remains a question whether or not the initiative will be invalidated after suits by numerous entities.
6. The committed had questions about the fill-in for the trail between Watson and Cooper, across the frontage for the new Elk Meadow 3 sub-division and the section of trail in front of the site identified as the Elk Meadow Park. Lincoln informed the committee that the trail will be paved by the developer of Elk Meadow 3, probably before the end of the year, and the pavement between the new section on Warner in front of Elk Meadow 3 and 276th St. is a high priority for rehabilitation in the next two years, subject to funding.
7. Lincoln informed the committee that the snow plow for the pickup is being installed and the new 5-ton plow is expected near the end of the year.
8. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:40 PM.