

FINANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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Members Present:

Frantsvog, Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Sipma, Withus, Pankow

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney, Airport Operations Manager, HR Director, City Assessor, City Treasurer, City Engineer, Assistant City Engineer, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Assistant Public Works Director, Public Information Officer, Building Official, Library Director, Aud./Rec. Director, Federal Compliance Officer, Alderman Jantzer, Alderman Straight, Alderman Podrygula, Alderman Shomento, Alderman Schuler, Cindy Hemphill, Josh Wolsky, Jill Schramm

To the Honorable Mayor and All Aldermen:

Following are the recommendations of the **Finance and Improvements Committee** meeting called to order at 4:16 p.m. on March 28, 2017:

1. The City Council approve the following requests for final payment:

a. NDDOT in the amount of \$29,931.67 for the 6th St Underpass Project (3236)

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

2. The City Council approve the termination of the City Treasurer to countersign all orders on the City Treasury and all purchase orders and authorize the new Finance Director to assume these duties effective April 3, 2017.

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

3. The City Council appoint the new Finance Director to the loan committee for the State Small Business Credit Initiative administered by the Lewis and Clark Regional Development Center.

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

4. The City Council approve the purchase of the landfill GPS technology system from Geologic in the amount of \$55,603. (4262)

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The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

5. The City Council award the bid for 2017 Pavement Markings to West River Striping Co. in the amount of \$129,895. (4275)

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

6. The City Council award the bid to Berger Enterprises, LLC. for the City of Minot Structure Demolition and Site Restoration Round 4 and further authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documentation. (3755.4)

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

7. The City Council to award the bid to School Products and Equipment for the Upper Arena Seating in the Minot Auditorium in the amount of \$417,981.50.

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

8. The City Council pass an ordinance on first reading amending the 2016 annual budget to increase account 430-9500-419.07-93 by \$135,000 for sales tax flood control funds previously approved by City Council for the Mouse River Enhanced Flood Protection Plan.

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

9. The City Council approve the apparent low bid from Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc. for 2017 nuisance abatement in the amount of \$21,920 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. (4274)

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

10. The City Council place and pass the following ordinances on second reading:

- a. Ordinance No. 5172 - Rezone Jacks 3rd Addition, the South 323.95' of Lot 6 and All of Lot 8 from AG District to C2 District
- b. Ordinance No. 5180 - Amending the 2017 Annual Budget- Main Street Alley Reconstruction

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- c. **Ordinance No. 5181 - Amend CMCO - Licensee to Close at Certain Times**
- d. **Ordinance No. 5182 - Amend CMCO - Relating To Declaration of Nuisances Generally**

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

11. The City Council authorize staff to issue a Request for Proposal for Administrative and Project Delivery Services for the NDR Program.

The above motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Olson and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

12. The City Council approve the purchase of land for \$4,000,000 to expand the Landfill and authorize the Public Works Director to sign any documents at closing. (LFLAND & 3458)

The above motion by Alderman Olson, seconded by Alderman Withus.

Chairman Frantsvog stated, this item was pulled because there are concerns over the stipulations in the agreed upon term sand he called on the Assistant Public Works Director to further explain.

Mr. Sorenson stated, it is requested the Committee approve the purchase price of the land for \$4,000,000 but allow staff to work with the landowner to ensure the proper language is in the agreement.

Alderman Frantsvog listed the terms to the purchase as: no transfer of mineral rights, prorated payment of taxes, and the owner doesn't want surplus property sold off for development. Mr. Sorenson said, there are concerns over the ambiguity of the term "surplus property" so staff will sit down with the landowner to discuss the language to ensure both parties are happy with the outcome.

The City Manager said they want to verify the surplus land intention because the City may have a need for the property especially in regards to the NDR projects and want to remain unrestricted.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the above motion by Alderman Olson, seconded by Alderman Withus and was carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Olson, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: none

13. The City Council deny the Storm Sewer District 122 project.

The above motion by Alderman Lehner seconded by Alderman Hedberg.

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The City Engineer explained some background of the Storm Sewer Development Program which was created to solve drainage issues around the City. A Storm Sewer ad hoc Committee reconvenes every couple years to reanalyze and rank a list of potential projects by priority. So far, five projects have been completed, two are in design and there are seven more for future funding years. This project has been number one on the list for several years but has been delayed for emergency projects such as downtown and the Puppy Dog Coulee. This area has been studied for the past 15 years. Ackerman Estvold updated the citywide stormwater management plan in 2014 and the conclusion was to extend the trunk line from 18th Ave to the west and install more inlets to pick up the water before it caused damage.

Patrick Samson, the design lead on the project from Ackerman Estvold, gave a presentation explaining the analysis and scope of the project. He showed video documentation of the level of ponding on the streets during a three year storm event which took place in 2014. He then showed photos of a frequent storm event and the level of water at the 18th Ave SW and 6th St intersection. He said, this level of water causes pavement deterioration. Ackerman Estvold used the City of Minot Storm Water Management Plan to design the project. Mr. Samson used models to demonstrate what happens within the watershed during the three year storm event and compared those to the video of the real world conditions. They came up with the alternatives that have been provided to the Committee: Do nothing, Alternative 1, which is the full project and would construct storm sewer trunk line on 18th Ave SW from Broadway to 9th St SW, storm sewer lines north on 4th St SW and 6th St SW and allow collection of storm water across the majority of the watershed or Alternate 2, which would construct storm sewer trunk line on 18th Ave from Broadway to 6th St SW and allow collection of storm water half way across watershed. He explained the level of protection provided by each alternative and reviewed the costs associated.

James Harris, of 1837 6th St SW spoke in favor of the project. He said his house is in the middle of the proposed area and is greatly affected by small amounts of rainfall. He explained, this area has been revisited many times to correct the issues and it has not been fixed. Mr. Harris said, now is the chance to solve the problems before it needs to be revisited again later and incur more engineering costs.

Ernie Medalen, of 912 18th Ave SW, appeared before the Committee to share his concerns. He said, he attended all of the public input meetings and does not believe their questions have been answered or that the project has justification to move forward. He said, there has been no significant support for the project and he is unaware of any complaints that lead to pursuing the project. He recapped the events leading up to the discussion at this meeting and wondered why there was no conclusion last month.

The City Manager explained, during the last committee meeting, the motion on the issue was denied which left no recommendation to forward to the City Council. The Council could have chosen to bring the issue back during the meeting on March 13th but instead, it was sent back to the committee. Alderman Pankow made that motion because there was not adequate representation from the district as they did not expect the item to be considered at the Council meeting.

Carl Schaller, of 911 18th Ave SW, spoke in opposition to the project. He said he has never had issues with flooding and added, there is no correlation between groundwater flooding and sewer backup. He also said, the assessment can be spread over ten years but there would be interest charged during that period.

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Alderman Frantsvog requested by a show of hands, the number of residents opposed to the project. [There were approximately 50 members of the audience who raised their hand]. He then asked for those in support of the project to raise their hand [there were about five members of the audience who raised a hand].

Alderman Sipma offered his comments on the issue by saying, he recognizes there is a problem but the size of the problem is open to personal interpretation. He questioned if the amount of money is worth the fix. He acknowledged there are substantially more people against the project and will therefore vote to deny the project but he believes it will be revisited again down the road.

Alderman Pankow explained his reasoning for sending the issue back to the Committee. He attended the public input meeting and believed the audience was split in favor of either Alternative 2 or doing nothing. He wanted to give the public proper notice to be represented in front of the Council before making a decision.

Alderman Lehner said, he moved to pursue Alternate 2 during the last meeting but it was defeated. He moved to deny the project but also believes it will eventually happen in the future.

Upon questioning by Alderman Lehner, the City Engineer stated, the district will be removed from the list of storm sewer districts until the Storm Sewer ad hoc Committee decides to include it.

Whereupon a vote was taken on the motion by Alderman Lehner, seconded by Alderman Hedberg and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Hedberg, Lehner, Pankow, Sipma, Withus. nays: Olson

There being no further business, Chairman Frantsvog adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Matalka,
City Clerk