

PUBLIC WORKS/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

Present: Mayor Williams and Council Members Danforth, Jones, Rieffenberger, Solberg & Thorson

Also Present: Tom Drake, Sarah Caron, Mike Rye, Jeff Riley, Mike Boerger, Stanton Fox, Don Endres, Chad Casanova, Don Roby and Kyle Horst

Approval of the Agenda.

City Engineer Tom Drake proposes to discuss the Willow Creek Village 2nd Addition Development Agreement immediately after the approval of the minutes. Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Mike Danforth to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes.

Motion was made by Dennis Solberg and seconded by Bill Rieffenberger to approve the minutes from the April 9, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Consideration of Development Agreement for Willow Creek Village 2nd Addition.

Tom Drake reviewed the Development Agreement for Willow Creek 2nd Addition, which establishes obligations for infrastructure improvements. A discussion was held on the street improvements. The developer, Glacial Lakes Capital LLC, will be required to install the curved road combination of 23rd Street East and 8th Avenue SE from Highway 212 to the edge of the plat, as well as the turning lanes on Highway 212 at 23rd Street East. Don Endres, CEO of Glacial Lakes Capital, was present to answer questions about the development. He requests that the City pay for the cost of the box culvert and approach off Highway 212 at 23rd Street East. According to the cost estimates that were distributed, the approach will cost approximately \$42,865.00 and the box culvert will cost approximately \$156,990.00. With the design of \$20,000.00, this would bring the City's cost to \$219,000.00. Tom Drake explained that the cost of the approach is high because of the deep drainage ditch and the extra-wide right-of-way. The developer would have preferred to put an approach in at 26th Street East for his development, but the City and SDDOT have a Memorandum of Understanding that a traffic signal will go in at 23rd Street East instead of 26th Street East, which does not meet DOT's spacing guidelines from the existing traffic signal at 29th Street East. Mike Danforth pointed out that when viewing the map of this development and the two adjacent landowners' plats, there seemed to be three different ideas of how to develop this area, and he expressed concern that there did not seem to be an overall plan for effective development with the other two plats. Mayor Williams commented that if the City funds the cost of the approach, the developer would, as a trade-off, excavate the creek along the back of the property, making it more attractive from the highway. When asked where the City's funding would come from, Tom stated that there are funds available in the Stormwater Fund, some of which is carried over for the SE Storm Sewer Project, which has been pushed back for the time being. After further discussion, motion was made by Bill Rieffenberger and seconded by Steve Thorson to move this discussion on to the council. Motion carried.

Consideration of bids received for the 2013 Street Sweeper.

Street Superintendent Mike Rye reviewed the bid tab for the 2013 Street Sweeper. Low bidder meeting specifications was DMI in the amount of \$242,500.00. The budgeted amount for this purchase is \$270,000.00. Chad Casanova, representing DMI, was present to answer questions. Motion was made by Bill Rieffenberger and seconded by Mayor Williams to recommend awarding bid to DMI. Motion carried.

Approval of Plans & Specs and authorization to advertise for bids for the 20th Avenue South & Foley Road Intersection Realignment Project No. 1203.

City Engineer Tom Drake requests authorization to advertise for bids for the 20th Avenue South & Foley Road Intersection Realignment Project. This intersection will serve the new coop fertilizer plant. A cost estimate prepared by Clark Engineering of \$245,996.40 was distributed. This is a budgeted project, and a 60% agricultural grant has been applied for. Motion was made by Steve Thorson and seconded by Dana Jones to recommend approval of the plans and authorize advertising for bids. Motion carried.

Consideration of Development Agreement for East Woods 17th Addition.

This development is located east of 19th Street East and south of 14th Avenue North. The developer will be required to improve an extension of 12th Avenue North and Oak Drive, at 100% of the cost. Estimates of the construction costs were distributed to the committee members. After discussion, motion was made by Dennis Solberg and seconded by Bill Rieffenberger to recommend approval of the Development Agreement. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Williams mentioned that he received a call from the manager of the fertilizer plant, stating that they do not handle or store the type of fertilizer that was stored at the plant in Texas where last week's explosion occurred. Watertown's Fire Marshall also wants to assure the public that there is no need for concern that something similar could happen in Watertown.

Steve Thorson commented that the left turn arrow on the traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 20 & 212 needs to be lengthened. There is barely time for a couple of cars or a semi to get through before it changes. Staff will forward this information to SDDOT.

Dana Jones asked why the traffic signal at the intersection of I-29 and Highway 212 blinks all the time. The Street Department is aware of the issue, and plans to address it as soon as the ground dries out. The electrical controls are presently under water. The area will be re-shaped before next winter to avoid this situation in the future.

Dana Jones mentioned there have been discussions about the flag pole that was removed from the fire station. Joy Ranch has been looking for a flag pole, and if the City would donate the flag pole, the Legion has offered to take care of the concrete work, landscaping and a plaque stating that the flag pole was a joint effort by the City and the Legion. No action was taken.

Executive Session

None

Motion made by Bill Rieffenberger and seconded by Dana Jones to adjourn meeting at approximately 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Marscheider