

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Rapid City, South Dakota

August 27, 2019

A Public Works Committee meeting was held at the City/School Administration Center in Rapid City, South Dakota, on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Evans, Armstrong, Roberts, Strommen, Modrick
Absent: NONE

City Staff present:

Dale Tech, Public Works Director
Shannon Truax, Public Works Administrative Coordinator

(NOTE: For sake of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents are on file with the Master Agenda.)

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion was made by Armstrong, second by Strommen and carried to adopt the agenda.

General Public Comment

NO DISCUSSION

CONSENT ITEMS – Item 1-19

Motion was made by Armstrong second by Modrick and carried to approve Items 1-19 as they appear on the Consent Items. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Approve minutes of August 13, 2019.

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING

- 2) PW082719-03: Request Authorization for Mayor and Finance Officer to sign Professional Services Agreement with FMG Engineering for RC Department Training Facility Project No. 19-2529 in the amount of \$53,618.00.
- 3) PW082719-04: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to sign a Water and Sewer Service Agreement Between the City of Rapid City and the Green Valley Sanitary District
- 4) PW082719-18: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to Sign Amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Rapid City and Verizon for the addition of AVL systems for Solid Waste, Streets and Water Reclamation divisions.
- 5) PW082719-05: Approve Change Order 5 to Simon Contractors of SD, Inc. for E. Blvd/E. North Street Utility Reconstruction Project, Project #14-2170/CIP 50866.1 for an increase of \$9,975.78.
- 6) PW082719-06: Approve Change Order 1 F to J & J Asphalt for Pavement Rehabilitation Project-Chancery Lane and Huntington Place Project #17-2416/CIP 50549 for an increase of \$90,284.71.
- 7) PW082719-07: Approve Change Order #2 to Tru-Form Construction, Inc. for Disk Drive and Haines Avenue Intersection, Project #16-2347 / CIP NO. 51121 for an increase of \$10,208.00.

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- 8) PW082719-08: Approve Change Order 3 to Mainline Contracting, Inc. for 38th Street Reconstruction, Clifton to Range, Project #15-2232/CIP 50716.1 & 50716.2 for an increase of \$13,820.56.
- 9) PW082719-17: Approve Change Order 1F to Western Construction, Inc. for Pavement Rehabilitation Project-Maple Avenue Project #18-2438/CIP 50844 for an increase of \$17,448.03.
- 10) PW082719-09: Approve Request from Upper Deck Architects, Inc. for a Variance to Waive the Requirement to Install Sidewalk per City Ordinance 12.08.060 along the west 240 feet (+/-) of the property adjacent to Oakland Street for the property located at 520 Cathedral Drive.
- 11) PW082719-11: Approve Request from Scull Construction Inc. for a Variance to waive the requirement to install sidewalk along Skyline Ranch Road, Rapid City, per City Ordinance 12.08.060.

ITEMS FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION

- 12) PW082719-01: Authorize Mayor and Finance Officer to sign Permanent Utility Easement with Black Hills Power, Inc. for an improved location of cables that serve the City well in Jackson Park.
- 13) PW082719-02: Approve Change Order No. 1 to Complete Contracting Solutions, for Harney Little League Improvements (Fence, Bleachers, Dugouts) Project PR19-6170 for an increase of \$3,450.10
- 14) PW082719-10: Authorize staff to purchase playground equipment from Miracle Sourcewell purchasing group, Contract No 030117-LTS, in the amount of \$63,438.84.
- 15) PW082719-13: Approve Change Order No. 1 to Flat Rock, LLC for 2019 Parks and Recreation Concrete Work Project PR19-6168, for a decrease of \$4,120.90.

ITEMS FROM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 16) 19TP018: Approval of the 2020-2023 Rapid City Area Transportation Improvement Program – Final Report

ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE

- 17) PW082719-12: Approve Resolution No. 2019-074 to support and adopt the 2018 Pennington County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan
- 18) PW082719-19: Confirm the reappointment of Kyle Hibbs and Clinton Beck and the new appointment of Garth Wadsworth to the Air Quality Board.
- 19) PW082719-20: Confirm the appointments of Kelly Arguello (3-Mile Radius), Eirik Heikes (Alternate #2), Vince Vidal (voting member), and Eric Ottenbacher (Alternate #1) to the Planning Commission.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

NON-CONSENT ITEMS – Item 20-23

Public Comment opened

Item 20: Allen McPherson spoke on his concerns about water running down Enchantment Road and Dan Christy Lane.

Item 22: Daene Boomsma spoke in support of granting exception

Item 21: Justin Hendrickson spoke in support of granting an exception

Item 23: David Bradsky spoke in support of reducing utility billing for property at 731 St Joseph St

Public Comment closed

ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

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- 20) PW082719-15: Request by Allen McPherson to speak to Committee. Tech advised that staff has reviewed the area and will require a lot more study before staff could propose any type of solution. Staff has no knowledge of any concerns that SDDOT has about water in that area. Tech clarified that the water leak referenced was a private service line, not a water main. Mr. McPherson acknowledged that the debris is landscaping from neighbors and that workers have on occasion used shovels to clear some of the blockage they complained about in the past. Evans asked about technology for leak detection. Tech advised that Rapid City has purchased equipment, and hired outside agencies using proprietary leak detection methods, to constantly monitor the system..

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Acknowledge

Motion by Modrick to Acknowledge. Second by Strommen. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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ENGINEERING

- 21) PW081319-04: In response to Armstrong, Tech stated that staff attempted to reduce the requirements to minimize the cost to the developer but feels that paving the street and improving drainage are minimum requirements. Modrick stated that she drove this area and feels that since it is currently rural, there is no reason to require improvements. Tech advised that the City maintains the road and the expectation is that city streets need to be paved to minimize dust and maintain road condition. Evans stated that previous decisions that allowed these types of issues in the past need to stop. Appeal of a partial denial of an Exception Request to allow for reduced pavement widths, no installation of curb and gutter and street light conduit along Glenside and Homestead Streets. Staff supported not installing curb and gutter and street light conduit, but is requiring the streets be constructed to a rural road section and a turnaround constructed on Glenside Street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Deny

Motion by Modrick to SEND TO COUNCIL WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION Second by Evans Motion Carried, Modrick Opposed.

- 22) PW082719-14: Roberts abstains, turns to Chair over to Armstrong. Modrick asks Boomsma to share history of previous exception that was approved. Boomsma stated that previous developers were not required to make improvements and the City has offered no tools to offset cost that developers incur for improvements. Boomsma stated if this exceptions is denied, the ownership group would just take the project to Box Elder, instead of working in Pennington County. Evans stated that he wanted additional information before deciding. Strommen asked about how City had worked with the developer. Tech stated the City offered a compromise to allow the developer to only complete improvements on the half of the street that abuts their property. Modrick requested additional information from City staff. Appeal by Broker Fund Dividend, LLC of an Exception Request partial denial to waive the requirement to install public improvements in Reservoir Road.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Deny

Motion by Modrick to SEND TO COUNCIL WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION Second by Strommen. Motion Carried, Roberts Abstains.

UTILITY BILLING

- 23) PW082719-16: Armstrong verified that the bills has already been paid. Modrick motioned to reduce the bill. No second made. Modrick stated that previous bills show less usage and the citizen says they have no explanation for the increased use, so she believes it must be a

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problem with our system. Tech advised that water meters are physically incapable of registering more water than what physically flows through them. Tech advised that all readings are linear and consistent, with no indication that there is anything wrong with the City system. Tech advised that billing history indicated that they have had issues with high usages occasionally in the past. Mr. Bradsky acknowledged that previous high usages were the result of water leaks. Mr. Bradsky stated that they did physically observe the meter running when water was flowing then stopping when flow stopped. Request by David Bradsky, for Dakri LLC, to reduce June 10, 2019 utility billing by \$792.91 incurred for water and sewer usage at property located at 731 St Joseph St.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Deny

Motion by Evans to DENY. Second by Armstrong. Motion Carried, Modrick Opposed, Strommen Abstains.

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