

Sandstone City Council Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m. This meeting took place via Zoom video conferencing.

ROLL CALL: Spartz, Palmer, Gaede, Riley

Members absent: Kester

Staff present: Administrator George, Recording Secretary Kara Nelson

Others present: Pine County Courier Editor Alaena White, SEH Engineer Greg Anderson

Street Improvement Projects

The purpose of the meeting was to review the bids received on the 2020 Street Improvement Projects.

Engineer Anderson explained that bids were due April 21st and three bids were received:

A-1 Excavating, Inc.,	\$1,572,914.47
J.R. Ferche, Inc.	\$1,723,355.00
Dresel Contracting, Inc.	\$1,728,604.22

The engineer's estimate for the project was \$1,608,310.00.

The 2020 Street Improvement Project includes the following areas:

- New pavement with spot curb repair on Commercial Avenue between 3rd and 5th Streets;
- New pavement with spot curb repair on 5th Street between Commercial and Park Avenues;
- New pavement with spot curb repair on 6th Street between Court Avenue and the water tower;
- New pavement, new curb & gutter and storm sewer improvements on Minnesota Street between Grant and Pine Avenues;
- New pavement, new curb & gutter and storm sewer improvements on Court Avenue between Minnesota Street and 3rd Street (TH 123) with the exception of the block between Division and 1st Streets;
- New pavement, sanitary sewer, concrete curb and gutter on Pine Avenue between Division and 3rd Streets.

Anderson reported that A-1 Excavating (out of Bloomer, WI) will be working in Pine City and will be able to get started on the project in June or July. They should be able to complete the project in September. Anderson stated that he has worked with A-1 Excavating on several projects in the last 8 to 9 years. They can handle all aspects of the project with only a couple of items that will be done by sub-contractors (Knife Lake Concrete and Knife River Concrete – both out of Pine City).

The City has an Agreement for Professional Services with SEH for the first 5 projects listed in the amount of \$58,500, which took us up to the bidding point. Anderson will submit an Agreement for construction observation, staking and testing for Council action at the May 20th Council Meeting. The City has also incurred costs for the Pine Avenue plans and specifications/engineering services up to this point.

Previously, the City Council agreed to finance these projects with a \$2,000,000 bond. A public hearing will be required for that process. **Motion Spartz, second Palmer, to set a public hearing for Wednesday, May 20th, at 6:00 p.m. on the bond issuance. Motion passed 4-0.**

Council Members talked about whether to add more streets to the scope, or to lower the bond amount. Consensus was to look into adding more streets since the cost of bonding is a factor and there are many streets in town that need attention. Administrator George will work with Streets & Parks Supervisor Hiler on potential additions. Anderson noted that the sooner those additions are known the better for the contractor to be able to incorporate them into the plans.

Motion Palmer, second Gaede, to accept the bid from A-1 Excavating, Inc. for the 2020 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$1,572,914.47. Motion passed 4-0. Anderson stated that he will circulate the contracts and anticipates a pre-construction meeting sometime in May.

Sewer Repair at Sandstone Health Care Center

Previously, the City undertook a sliplining project to repair some sewer lines in and around Court, Minnesota, and Washington. This project also included a sewer line that is very close to the Sandstone Health Care Center (SHCC) building. When on site, the sliplining contractor determined that the line next to the SHCC building could not be sliplined. Anderson put the sewer repair for this line out for quotes.

Two quotes were received:

Jensen Backhoe, LLC, Hinckley, MN	\$19,467.00
Jones Construction, Pine City, MN	\$28,000.00

Anderson stated that the project involves a 10' spot repair for the collapsed sewer line. The contractor is required to complete the project by July 1st. The contractor will have to set up shoring close to the building to protect the foundation. SEH inspector Steve Rose is coordinating the project with SHCC personnel. Anderson stated that the repair will not cause a disruption in the sewer service to the facility.

The original sliplining project budget was \$77,962.50; however, the SHCC portion was not done. The sliplining contractor was paid \$52,000; leaving about \$25,000 available for the SHCC line repair. Anderson stated that he is comfortable working with Jensen Backhoe and recommends the City Council accept their bid.

Motion Palmer, second Riley, to accept the bid from Jensen Backhoe, LLC for the sewer line repair near the Sandstone Health Care Center building for \$19,467.00. Motion passed 4-0. Anderson will circulate the contracts and get the project scheduled.

ADJOURN

Motion Riley, second Gaede to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Peter Spartz, Mayor

Kathy George, Administrator