

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

February 5, 2009 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Chairman Dzierzanowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call found Aldermen Beifuss, Bunch, Connelly, Dimas and Dzierzanowski present.

Also in attendance were Public Works Director Robert Flatter, Assistant City Engineer Doug Nooden, Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox, Utility Superintendent Herbert Heintz, and Administrative Secretary Michelle Baldino.

Others present included Alderman Radkiewicz and Alderman Murphy

2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Infrastructure Committee of November 5, 2008.** Alderman Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2008, seconded by Alderman Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen Bunch, Dimas, Connelly, Beifuss, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

3. Public Participation / Presentations. None.

4. **Items for Consent.** Items removed from the Consent vote for discussion included 4.B., 4.C., 4.D., and 4E.

A. **Change Order #1 and Final – Well Station No. 9 Repairs – Layne-Western Company, Inc.** Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Connelly to recommend approval of Change Order #1 and Final for Well Station No. 9 Repairs. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Connelly, Bunch, Beifuss, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

Consent Items for Discussion:

B. **Change Order #1 and Final – 2008 Sidewalk Maintenance Program – M & A Cement Work, Inc.** After a brief review, Alderman Beifuss questioned as to whether all of the extra work had been directed by Staff. Mr. Flatter informed him that they had, and adequate funds had been budgeted.

Alderman Connelly made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch to recommend approval of Change Order #1 and Final for the 2008 Sidewalk Maintenance Program. Voting Yea: Aldermen Connelly, Bunch, Beifuss, Dimas, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

C. Change Order #1 and Final – 2008 Resurfacing Project – J.A. Johnson Paving. Mr. Flatter explained that the change order is necessary due to final field measurement quantities. **Alderman Bunch made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to recommend approval of Change Order #1 and Final for the 2008 Resurfacing Project. Voting Yea: Aldermen Bunch, Dimas, Beifuss, Connelly, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.**

D. Contract Award – Right-of-Way Maintenance – Classic Landscape, Ltd. Mr. Flatter stated that Classic Landscape, Ltd. held the 2008 contract for the City's Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and, in staff's opinion, provided exceptional service. Classic Landscape, Ltd. has approached the City and proposed a three-year contract at a yearly cost of \$130,718.70, which will include the new Metra Parking Lot landscape areas. It is staff's recommendation that a three-year contract be awarded to Classic Landscape, Ltd. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch to recommend approval of a Contract Award for the 2009-2011 Right-of-Way Maintenance Program to Classic Landscape, Ltd. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Bunch, Beifuss, Connelly, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.**

E. Approval of Purchase – 2009 Elgin Street Sweeper – Standard Equipment Company. Mr. Flatter stated that staff evaluated several demonstration units and determined that the pure vacuum sweeper system, provided by Elgin Sweeper, would best fit the needs of the City. The City's current street sweeper will be maintained and used as a backup unit. Mr. Wilcox explained that the City's present unit uses a regulated air system that tends to stir up debris in the street, creating a lot of dust and explained how the vacuum system works. Mr. Flatter stated that advantages to the proposed unit are the larger size of the hopper, and that this unit is on a truck chassis. This would allow for more "street sweeping" time and faster travel time to and from street sweeping areas after dumping the debris. The unit is on a 10-year replacement cycle.

Alderman Beifuss asked what the warranty is for the unit, what the annual maintenance cost would be, and how much money was budgeted for these. Alderman Bunch stated that for future agenda items like this, he would like to see comparable pricing regarding the proposed equipment.

Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bunch to waive the competitive bidding process and authorize the purchase of one 2009 Elgin Whirlwind MV Pure Vacuum Street Sweeper. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Bunch, Beifuss, Connelly, and Dzierzanowski. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion. None.

6. Unfinished Business. None.

7. Other Business. None.

8. New Business.

2009 Monthly Brush Collection Program. Mr. Flatter informed the Committee that Joe Kramer, President of Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc., approached the City regarding a three-year contract for the City's annual Brush Collection Program. In staff's opinion, the pricing he provided seems to be very competitive as compared to previous years' bids received. The contractor that provided services for 2008 has also expressed an interest in extending their contract, but they have not yet

committed to holding their pricing. Alderman Beifuss stated that he does not like to approve contracts that are a “no bid” unless there is a very good reason to do so and feels that a reasonable amount of discussion is warranted in these cases. Mr. Flatter informed him that staff would still have time to bid the project if the Committee directs.

The Committee discussed the various problems that were encountered during the 2008 collection season, and indicated that they would consider recommending approval of a three-year contract with Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. if the following criteria is met. The contractor must complete each month’s pickup within 5 working days. Staff is to try to negotiate a better price. A Contract can then be brought to the next City Council meeting for approval.

9. Reports from Staff.

A. 2008-2009 Snow and Ice Control Status. Alderman Bunch stated that he appreciated the data provided. Chairman Dzierzanowski complimented staff on a job well done so far this season. Issues regarding cul-de-sacs and speed humps were discussed. The use of beet juice was also discussed along with the City’s plans for the purchase of rock salt for the coming season. Mr. Flatter stated that the City would participate with the State Purchasing program, along with possibly in-house bidding. *Alderman Beifuss stated that the State had demonstrated incompetence in the bid for bid for salt last year and he did not want to participate again this year or any other year because the state has not explained last year’s fiasco or how it would ensure the proper results going forward.* Mr. Flatter stated that the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference might also be preparing a bid package. Alderman Murphy suggested that staff also check with the possibility of participating with Kane County.

B. 2009 Resurfacing Program – Engineering Update. Alderman Beifuss asked staff to clarify the listed “options” in the update. Mr. Nooden explained that the options could be considered depending upon the bid results. With bidders having the opportunity to provide a base bid plus the additional projects listed, staff is hoping to receive better pricing. The options, which include the Downtown Area and the Commuter Parking Lot, could also be re-bid and don’t have to be awarded at this time.

Chairman Dzierzanowski agreed that it makes sense to reconstruct Galena Street. Staff brought in a piece of broken watermain to provide the Committee with a visual of what is currently underground on Galena Street. Staff stated that the watermain and the sanitary sewer there are approximately 65 years old and in need of replacement. Alderman Beifuss would like staff to perform in-house overlay on this street for beautification purposes. He stressed the importance of this street’s appearance as it is in the heart of the downtown area. Staff indicated that they would evaluate Galena Street to determine what could be done in-house.

10. Adjournment. At 8:15 P.M., Alderman Dimas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bunch. Motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Administrative Secretary