

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved September 6, 2018

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

August 2, 2018 7:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.** Chairman Beifuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Aldermen James Beifuss, Heather Brown, Sandra Dimas, George Garcia, Matt Garling, Alton Hallett, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present.

Staff present included Director of Public Works Robert Flatter. Also in attendance were Kay McKeen of SCARCE, Mr. Kubinski, and Mrs. Amelia Cahill.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of July 5, 2018.** Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2018.

Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.** Ms. McKeen runs SCARCE, a not-for-profit based out of Glen Ellyn, Illinois. They have a contract with DuPage County to improve water quality and want to get the word out about the costs and challenges that occur when people dump things down storm drains. The DuPage Foundation provided a grant to buy stormwater medallions which are placed on top of the curb in both English and Spanish. The initial goal is to get the medallions placed in very prevalent areas, so people walking down the street will start learning that nothing should be placed down the storm drains. SCARCE has already placed hundreds in other municipalities including Westmont, Downers Grove, Warrenville, Woodridge, Elmhurst, Wheaton, and Roselle, and they would like to place 25-50 medallions in very visible areas throughout West Chicago. Volunteers are trained on how to install them correctly so they last for about four years after placement. Mr. Flatter raised some concern about whether staff would be expected to install these medallions and what would be done if someone would take note of the medallions being spread around the City and subsequently request one be placed at a storm drain near their property when they are in limited supply. Ms. McKeen confirmed that no other staff time or money was used for the installation in other municipalities, and they would be installed by volunteers; after approval by the City Ms. McKeen would likely reach out to groups like the Environmental Club at West Chicago Community High School, National Honor Society, and Eagle Scout projects. She also confirmed that in towns where the medallions were already installed, there have been no requests for additional placements. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ligino-Kubinski to approve installation of the stormwater medallions.**

Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

4. Items for Consent. Alderman Brown requested discussion on Consent Item D. Alderman Garling requested discussion on Consent Items G and I. Alderman Beifuss requested discussion on Consent Item C. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling to approve:**

- A. Approval of City Administrator's Execution of Twelve Month Contract with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. for the Supply of Electricity Under the City's Electricity Aggregation Program
- B. Ordinance No. 18-O-0046 – Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned by the City of West Chicago
- E. Resolution No. 18-R-0064 - Contract Award – Illini Power Products Company for the 2018 Generator Maintenance Program
- F. Resolution No. 18-R-0065 - Contract Award – Knickerbocker Roofing and Paving Co., Inc. – 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Replacement Project
- H. Resolution No. 18-R-0067 - Adopt-A-Highway Program - West Chicago Environmental Commission

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

4.C. Resolution No. 18-R-0062 - Contract Award – Heartland Recycling-Aurora CCDD, LLC for the 2018 Water Treatment Plant Waste Lime Sludge Removal Project. Alderman Beifuss inquired whether staff investigated why only one bid was received when there were ten plan holders as well as what the increase in cost may have been attributable to. Mr. Flatter confirmed that staff did not look into why only one bid was received. The waste lime sludge removal is necessary, however, to continue the production of water. It is staff's recommendation to move forward with the one and only bid received. For reference, only two bids were received for the 2015 Waste Lime Sludge Removal. This type of hauling work is very specialized, and there are not many businesses in the area that actually do it. Historically, the City has received very few bids each time the work comes up again. Alderman Beifuss asked if there was anything that could be done differently to attract more bids in the future, and Mr. Flatter explained that the bid documents are rather straightforward; the project is also advertised and invitations to bid are generally sent out to businesses that have expressed interest in the past. Alderman Brown asked if it would be possible to extend the contract to cover multiple years since the City does not receive many bids for it. Mr. Flatter explained that some of the City's contracts include language making contract extension possible for up to two additional years if pricing is held the same, though it is not in this particular contract. There is risk in doing that, however, if something like fuel price increases or decreases which could affect the pricing negatively or positively. In addition, the lagoons are not cleaned annually (they are typically cleaned every other year), which makes it unlikely that the contractor would agree to hold its pricing. **Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garling to approve.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

4.D. Resolution No. 18-R-0063 - Contract Award – Go Painters, Inc. for the 2018 Fire Hydrant Painting Program. Alderman Brown asked how often the City repaints all of its fire hydrants. Mr. Flatter explained that staff likes to do about 500 hydrants per year, which means that the whole town is completed in a three-year cycle. The last couple years have been more sporadic largely due to the absence of a permanent Utility Superintendent. Now that there is a full-time Superintendent on staff, this will hopefully be an annual project, even though in previous years it took place about every other year. Alderman Brown inquired if it is a necessity for the hydrants to have this painting done. Mr. Flatter noted that it is largely for aesthetic purposes, though it can help with some rust resistance as well. Alderman Brown asked if hydrants in the worst shape are painted first, and Mr. Flatter noted that they are the primary targets but neighboring areas are incorporated for efficiency and to prevent the contractor from having to hop around to so many different locations. **Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Garcia to approve.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

4.G. Resolution No. 18-R-0066 – Contract Award – Kenny Construction Company for the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Alderman Garling asked how the Committee can tell how much of the funds referenced in the Agenda Item Summary are actually available for spending on an upcoming project versus what has already been spent from that Fund. Mr. Flatter noted that in future Summaries he can break these amounts down to show what is available, how overages will be covered, etc. Alderman Garling also inquired if there is any guarantee for how long the inner lining is meant to last. Mr. Flatter explained that this new lining essentially puts a new plastic layer inside existing pipe, which should last 30-40 years. It is a continual liner from manhole to manhole with no joints, which prevents tree roots from extending into the sewer. Alderman Beifuss asked if staff had any idea what the bid price differences might have been attributable to, since the next lowest bid was about \$200,000.00 higher. Mr. Flatter explained that in this particular case it came down to which contractors had work and which did not. Some plan holders even contacted RJN Group, Inc., the firm that provided engineering services for this project, the day before the bid was due to ask for a possible extension to do the work in 2019 because they were too busy this year to do it. A bid document cannot be amended less than a day before bids are due, and City staff knew there were other interested parties ready to bid, so as a result some of the bid amounts were much higher than others due to their busy schedules. **Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ligino-Kubinski to approve.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

4.I. Purchase a 2018 Schwarze Model A9 Monsoon Regenerative Air Street Sweeper – R.N.O.W, Inc. of West Allis, Wisconsin. Alderman Garling wanted to know how the extended warranty would be handled if the sweeper needs to be inspected by a dealer annually and the company is located in Wisconsin. Mr. Flatter explained that the price quote includes the five-

year extended warranty, but staff is still considering forgoing the warranty. The reason staff settled on purchasing a Schwarze is because it is hydraulic; the City owns an Elgin brand sweeper based on air cylinders which has been very problematic and required many repairs over the years. Schwarze provides an included five-year warranty on the hydraulics anyway, which would cover one of the major concerns with this machinery since they are not experienced with this type of hydraulic sweeper. The other concern is with the pony motor which is what actually drives the sweeper part. The pony motor included is a John Deere, and just this week they offered a free five-year extended warranty on it. After conferring with Vehicle Maintenance staff and discussing the included warranties, it was concluded that the extended warranty would probably not be necessary. Staff will discuss the warranty in detail with the dealer to have a clear understanding of what would be covered under the extended warranty before making a final decision to purchase it. One free mechanic training session for two mechanics is included in the purchase price, which would make them certified to do repairs. The City can then make the repairs under warranty and recover the cost. In the alternative, if it does not seem to be a repair that the City mechanics can handle, the sweeper can be sent out to a dealer for repair. **Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dimas to approve.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garcia, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.

- 6. **Unfinished Business.** None.
- 7. **New Business.** None.
- 8. **Reports from Staff.** None.
- 9. **Adjournment.** At 7:48 P.M., Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Brown. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Cunningham
Administrative Assistant of Public Works