

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved November 1, 2018

## MINUTES

### INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

October 4, 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, Matt Garling, Alton Hallett, and Noreen Ligino-Kubinski present.

Staff present included Director of Public Works Robert Flatter and Administrative Assistant Ashley Cunningham.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of September 6, 2018.** Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2018.

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

3. **Public Participation / Presentations.** None.

4. **Items for Consent.** Alderman Beifuss requested discussion on Consent Item A. Alderman Brown requested discussion on Consent Items D and E. **Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve:**

- B. Ordinance No. 18-O-0053 – Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment, Stock Inventory, and/or Personal Property Owned By the City Of West Chicago
- C. Resolution No. 18-R-0081 - Contract Award – Cecchin Plumbing and Heating for the Sanitary Lift Station #1 Replacement Project

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

5. **Items for Discussion.**

4.A. **Midwest Environmental Consulting Services, Inc. – Change Order No. 1 and Final for Project Management and Testing Services Related to the 2018 Asbestos and Lead Based Paint Abatement Project – 200 Main Street.** Alderman Beifuss inquired about how the

additional \$5,000.00 for the project was calculated. Mr. Flatter explained that it was based on an hourly rate while overseeing the work during the abatement process. The original price was higher than the \$5,000.00, but Mr. Flatter argued that he believed some of the additional lead based paint should have been found up front, so Midwest Environmental provided a credit to reflect that. **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, Garling, Hallett, and Ligino-Kubinski. Voting Nay: 0.**

**4.D. Resolution No. 18-R-0082 - Contract Award – Thomas Engineering Group, LLC for Construction Oversight Services Related to the Sanitary Lift Station #1 Replacement Project.** Alderman Brown wondered why this contract was not put out for bid. Mr. Flatter explained that it is a professional services contract, which is different than a competitive bid. Often the City will hire the same firm that completed the engineering design to also do the construction oversight services. Firms are also selected based on their experience in providing this level of professional services for a given project. Professional services are typically handled more on a request for proposal (RFP) basis wherein contractors submit their credentials and identify what they would be doing, and City staff can look at their résumés and negotiate a price. Professional services contracts are never executed on a low-bid basis. Thomas Engineering Group currently holds a ten year contract to act as the City’s engineering staff, but this project is outside the scope of what that contract covers. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve.**

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

**4.E. Resolution No. 18-R-0083 - Contract Award – RJN Group, Inc. for Professional Engineering Design and Bid Assistance Services Related to the Sanitary Lift Station #5 Replacement Project.** Alderman Brown wondered why the City was choosing to work with RJN Group rather than Thomas Engineering Group for this lift station project. Mr. Flatter noted that RJN Group is very familiar with this particular lift station project. The forcemain has broken several times in recent years, and in 2014 it was determined that a replacement or rehabilitation of the existing forcemain would be required. Unfortunately, the City received no bids/price quotes for the rehabilitation option. No contractors wanted to bid on the project because the forcemain could not be shut down during the process, and the work needed to be completed in such a tight timeframe. Given the age and condition of Sanitary Lift Station #5 as a whole, staff determined that it would be in the best interest of the City to appropriately budget for the replacement of Lift Station #5 and its associated forcemain, and construct together, in hopes of attracting more bidders and receiving competitive pricing. Under this new contract with RJN Group, they would put the plans and specifications together and assist the City in obtaining bids. **Alderman Garling made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve.**

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

6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **New Business.** None.

8. **Reports from Staff.**

**A. Salt Storage Facility Update.** Mr. Flatter explained that he is still working with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. (CBBEL) to obtain budgetary numbers for various building configurations and site improvement options. Initial building estimates obtained from Advanced Storage Technology, Inc. (AST) have proven to be considerably underestimated and as a result, construction alternatives are being sought, including alternative salt storage building manufacturers, options for phased construction, and design-build consideration. CBBEL has initiated discussions with two other salt storage building manufacturers, Bulk Storage and Dome Corporation of North America, for comparable building options and pricing. At this time discussions with both are ongoing and alternative pricing options are being finalized. Staff will present a construction cost analysis update at the November 1, 2018, Infrastructure Committee meeting.

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:28 P.M., Alderman Dimas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hallett. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Cunningham  
Administrative Assistant of Public Works