

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

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MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

August 6, 2015 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, Don Earley, Sandra Dimas, Al Hallett, and John Smith. Aldermen Noreen Ligino-Kubinski, and Mark Edwalds were absent.

Staff present included Director of Public Works Robert Flatter, and Executive Secretary Michelle Baldino.

Others in attendance were resident Marilyn Kroll.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of June 4, 2015.** Alderman Smith made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hallett to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2015. Chairman Beifuss made changes to page two of three under item 4.C., as reflected in the approved minutes. Committee agreed with the changes. **Voting Yea: Aldermen Smith, Hallett, Beifuss, Dimas, and Earley. Voting Nay: 0.**

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

4. **Items for Consent.** Chairman Beifuss read the items for consent. Chairman Beifuss stated that he would like discussion on Items 4.A., and 4.D. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve:**

B. **Resolution No. 15-R-0039 – Contract Award – Denler, Inc. for the 2015 Crack Sealing Program.**

C. **Resolution No. 15-R-0040 – Contract Award – Superior Road Striping, Inc. for the 2015 Street Striping Program**

E. **Purchase of One 2015 John Deere 5075E Utility Tractor with John Deere HX7 Lift-Type Rotary Cutter from Deere & Company of Cary, North Carolina, and Approve Ordinance No. 15-O-0029 Authorizing the Sale of One 1986 John Deere 2350 Tractor to Deere & Company through Buck Bros. Inc. of Hampshire, Illinois.**

Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Smith, Beifuss, Earley, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

5. **Items for Discussion.** Items for discussion will include Consent Items 4.A., and 4.E.

4.A. Purchase of Thawrox Deicer from Compass Minerals America, Inc., Overland Park, Kansas. Mr. Flatter reviewed the Agenda Item Summary with the Committee and informed them that Thawrox is a great product to have during the coldest winter weather. Staff is recommending that the City purchase up to 1,500 tons of Thawrox for the 2015-2016 winter season. Alderman Dimas asked how much was left over from last season. Mr. Flatter informed her that there is approximately 2,000 ton of Rock Salt in the shed, but no Thawrox.

Chairman Beifuss asked which is more effective, Thawrox, or rock salt with a wetting agent? Mr. Flatter explained that the regular road salt is treated with brine or beet juice to help eliminate the bounce of the salt to help keep it on the street, and to help the salt to react and breakdown. Thawrox is used in colder temperatures. The chemical within the product is better for melting ice. Chairman Beifuss stated that he had recently read that McHenry County is saving money by only purchasing Thawrox, and not regular rock salt. He asked what can be done so that less rock salt is used during the season. He asked if the Thawrox and rock salt usage are charted. Mr. Flatter explained that every year the equipment is calibrated and the use of a pre-wetting agent aids in melting the snow to either wet streets or (depending upon how much snow) into slush. Thawrox is typically used in temperatures below 15 degrees and is dropped as the streets are being plowed. The City does not use charts to determine usage, but relies on staff experience and best guesses of the weather conditions. There are some documentation efforts made by the City crew, but, since there is no scale, it is mostly guesswork and it is difficult to verify how much salt is actually dropped. Mr. Flatter went on to say that every year, staff attends salt seminars and most agencies are changing their philosophy on how they plow. Some communities won't plow residential streets unless there is at least 1" of snow.

Alderman Hallett stated that although he would appreciate reduced costs, he does not want to see West Chicago's quality of work go down. The end result is to get the streets clear so that they are safe. He is in favor of continuing with the process the City is already using because it seems to work well. Alderman Smith agreed that the use of Thawrox is necessary for the colder temperatures. Chairman Beifuss stated that there is no question about the quality and effective work performed by crew. He would like to have a better handle on tracking the usage.

Mr. Flatter stated that back in 2008, the City tried to use computers in the trucks to track usage, but they had nothing but trouble with them. He said that he would try to find a way to track and report usage by monitoring set parameters.

Alderman Dimas made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Smith. Voting Yea: Aldermen Dimas, Smith, Beifuss, Earley, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

4.D. Resolution No. 15-R-0041 – Contract Award – RJN Group, Inc. for Construction Oversight Services related to the Lift Station #5 Force Main Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Flatter stated that the Lift Station #5 Force Main Rehabilitation Project was awarded to Apollo Infrastructure Services LLC by City Council in October 2014. RJN Group, Inc. (RJN) has worked on design services and IEPA construction permitting and the project is ready for construction. Staff is asking for a Construction Oversight Services contract at this time. Chairman Beifuss asked how much the Contract Award to Apollo was. Mr. Flatter stated that he

believed it was approximately \$486,000.00 and that engineering/construction oversight services usually cost between the 8-12% ranges of the contract.

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 15-R-0041, seconded by Alderman Dimas. Voting Yea: Aldermen Smith, Dimas, Beifuss, Earley, and Hallett. Voting Nay: 0.

6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **New Business.** None.

8. **Reports from Staff.**

A. **Construction Management Agreement with West Chicago Environmental Response Trust (WCERT) for the Brown and Pomeroy Streets Infrastructure Improvements.** Mr. Flatter stated that as part of the final cleanup efforts with WCERT, the City must enter into an Agreement with them to install sanitary sewer on Pomeroy Street and Brown Street, west of Sherman and Pioneer School. There are twelve homes there that are still on well and septic. Since the street will be opened up for the water main installation, the City would like to also have sanitary sewer installed as well. WCERT is installing the water main at no cost to the residents as well as replacing the street. The City will install the sanitary sewer main and sewer stubs to each property. The City's portion of the expense is \$209,646.00. WCERT will handle the oversight, as well as some oversight from the City's contracted engineer (Thomas Engineering Group). The negotiations are still underway regarding WCERT's request for a \$30,000.00 fee to administer this project. Mr. Flatter stated that a contract will be ready for the August 17, 2015 City Council meeting, for an amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 for approval if the Infrastructure Committee agrees to move forward.

Alderman Hallett stated that this is a great deal for the City and staff should not delay initiating the project. **The Infrastructure Committee unanimously agreed to direct staff to bring a Contract Agreement with WCERT to the August 17, 2015 City Council meeting for approval.**

9. **Adjournment.** At 7:32 P.M., Alderman Dimas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hallett. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Baldino
Executive Secretary