

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved April 6, 2023

MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

March 2, 2023 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, Alton Hallett, Joe Morano, and Jeanne Short present. Alderman Matt Garling was present via teleconference.

Staff present included Director of Public Works, Mehul Patel, and Administrative Assistant, Ashley Heidorn.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

A. **Infrastructure Committee Minutes of February 2, 2023.** Alderman Morano made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2023.

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garling, Hallett, Morano, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.

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

4. **Items for Consent.** Alderman Beifuss requested discussion on Consent Item A, and Alderman Brown requested discussion on Consent Items B and G. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano to approve:**

- C. Resolution No. 23-R-0022 – Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management. – Professional Services related to GIS Parkway Tree Inventory and Urban Forestry Management Plan in the not to exceed amount of \$51,370.00
- D. Resolution No. 23-R-0023 – Contract Award – Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the 2023 Roadway Rehabilitation Project Base Bid in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,650,677.26 and Reject the Alternate Bid
- E. Resolution No. 23-R-0024 – Contract Award – Viking Brothers, Inc. for the Purchase of Course and Fine Aggregate Material Delivered for FY 2023 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$68,000.00
- F. Resolution No. 23-R-0025 – Contract Award – Operations Maintenance International, Inc. (OMI) - for Professional Services Related to the Removal and Replacement of the Aeration Blowers Project at the West Chicago/Winfield Wastewater Authority Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garling, Hallett, Morano, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.

5. Items for Discussion.

4.A. Resolution No. 23-R-0020 – Layne Company – Professional Services Related to the Well Station No. 11 Rehabilitation Project for an Amount Not to Exceed \$220,429.00. Alderman Beifuss pulled this item for educational purposes. Mr. Patel explained that the City has five deep and four shallow wells that service the water needs of the City. Well No. 11 is one of the shallow wells and is showing signs of slowing production. The proposal related to this item is written as a worst case scenario; staff believes the total cost will be less and closer to the \$100,000.00-\$150,000.00 range. The necessary repairs will not be known until the well assembly is actually pulled and evaluated at the shop. However, it is not anticipated that a new motor will be needed for this well. **Alderman Dimas 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, Morano, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.

4.B. Resolution No. 23-R-0021 – Change Order No. 1 – JSL Building Restoration Group, Inc. for the 2022 WTP Joint Sealant Replacement Project in the Not to Exceed Amount of \$29,400.00. Alderman Brown pulled this item for a brief overview. She also inquired if the included photos were the only areas of concern. Mr. Patel clarified that those are just examples of conditions around the fourth floor windows of the building, which were identified while JSL was working on the sealant replacement last year. Work on the original project is about 70% complete but was halted as the weather grew colder, and there was a shortage in the red-colored caulk required for some parts of the building. Work is anticipated to restart around mid- to late-March once the weather improves, and all work including the additional window sealing should be concluded about a month later. **Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Short to approve.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garling, Hallett, Morano, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.

4.G. Resolution No. 23-R-0026 – Contract Award – Swallow Construction Corp. for the 2023 Sophia Street Area Water Main and Streets Rehabilitation CDBG Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,555,803.65. Alderman Brown expressed her concern regarding the budget shortfall for this project and how it may affect other budgeted projects for the year. Mr. Patel noted that that was a valid concern, and prices have increased industry-wide. This is a CDBG funded project, so the City has \$600,000.00 in funding to use by October 2023 or the funds are forfeited, and not utilizing the funds in time would jeopardize the City's chances of receiving CDBG funding in the future. Mr. Patel noted that some maintenance projects for this year can be done in-house to save money, and some can be cut to accommodate the Sophia Street CDBG project. Some discussion followed. **Alderman Brown 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, Morano, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.

6. **Unfinished Business.** None.

7. **New Business.**

A. Bike Path Connectivity. Mr. Patel presented the Committee with a map of existing bike trails and previously identified points of interest along with proposed routes and streets to potentially connect them. He indicated that one possibility would be to remove existing sidewalk and put in 8-foot wide asphalt for a designated bike path, but this could get rather expensive depending on how many driveways it would cross. Mr. Patel noted that this map should be used to determine what locations are a priority moving forward so that plans can be made to address them over time. Some discussion followed. Upon Mr. Patel's suggestion, the Committee agreed to review the map and its contents and come back with comments in April.

B. Well No. 3 Pump Motor Failure. Mr. Patel advised the Committee that the pump motor for Well No. 3 failed last week, so that deep well is not currently operating. Staff obtained a proposal from Layne Company, which came back with a worst case scenario cost of \$254,000.00. This is also an unbudgeted item. Staff wanted to inform the Committee and hopefully move forward with the repair if the Committee was agreeable. Alderman Short asked how critical the repair is, and Mr. Patel explained that staff can supplement the water supply with other wells but the concern would be the possibility of another well failing while it is out of service. He also noted that Well No. 11 will be down during the rehab approved this evening under Item 4.A. The proposal includes replacement of the motor with a Byron Jackson brand motor to replace the current Sunstar brand, which has had numerous problems in the past. **Alderman Dimas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Morano, to move forward with the project and bring after-the-fact approval along with a budget amendment to a future Committee meeting.**

Roll call found the vote unanimous for approval. Voting Yea: Aldermen Beifuss, Brown, Dimas, Garling, Hallett, Morano, and Short. Voting Nay: 0.

8. **Reports from Staff.** Mr. Patel reported that there are many Capital Improvement Projects coming up this year as well as maintenance and facilities projects, so there will be a busy construction season ahead. Please be patient with staff as they proceed.

9. **Adjournment.** At 8:00 P.M., Alderman Hallett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Brown. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Heidorn
Administrative Assistant of Public Works