

(Neb.)-Chadron City Council Awards Stormwater Bid, Approves Task Order

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(CHADRON)-The Chadron city council meeting on Monday evening lasted less than an hour. Council members recommended the award of a bid for the stormwater sewer project for First Street and Main Street to Carstensen Contracting Inc. of Pipestone, Minn., for \$3,740,129.85, which was well within the budget estimate of \$3.9 million established by the Leo A. Daly Engineering Firm. The council also approved a task order for construction services for Leo A. Daly in connection with the project.

An ordinance to amend the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year budget to transfer \$25,000 from the city reserves fund to the contingent reserve fund was read on its second reading. The money is being transferred to cover expenses incurred during city-wide cleanup efforts after the October snowstorm last year. The storm cleanup ended up using all the money that the city had set aside in the contingent reserve fund for emergencies, hence the need for more money to finish paying the bills. The third and final reading on the ordinance will take place at the next council meeting.

The council also approved a resolution to amend the scheduled public hearing date in connection with the creation of the paving district for Ash Street that was scheduled for the council meeting on March 17th. The hearing was moved to the first council meeting in April (April 7th) due to the possibility of a time conflict with the third of three publication dates that are a required step in the process. The hearing itself will provide another opportunity for adjacent property owners to decide whether or not they are wishing to see the paving district become a reality. If over 50 percent of landowners are in favor of the project, the city will move forward with plans to pave Ash Street approximately 710 feet to the north of the Hwy. 20 and Hwy. 385 intersection in town.

The council recommended the award of a bid for construction of a 60'x80'x16' post frame building for the city's water department to Wyatt Enterprises of Chadron for \$192,650. Utilities superintendent Tom Menke told the council that the sole bid was more than the \$170,000 set aside for the project, but that local contractor and sub-contractors and the water and wastewater departments would find a way to make up the difference.

Also at the meeting, coordinator Nan Gould with Region 23 Emergency Management shared with the council that the agency has received approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for an update and enhancement of the Region 23 multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan that was first developed in 2008. The update will cost approximately \$65,000 and will be funded through a federal share grant with the federal government funding 75 percent of the total (\$50,000) and Region 23 providing a 25 percent match (\$15,000). The city's share of the Region 23 amount will be \$2,460, as Region 23 incorporates Dawes, Sheridan, Sioux, and Box Butte Counties. The agreement also provides for the appointment of a representative to act on behalf of the plan. The council nominated public works director Milo Rust to serve in that capacity.

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