

**RUGBY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020– 5:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Members present: Albrecht, Lunde, Kraft, Bednarz, LaRocque (by phone), and Trottier. Also present were Mayor Steinke, Jim Olson AE2S Site Manager and Engineer, and City Auditor Stewart. Absent were Berg, Longie and Attorney Hartl.

Steinke called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Council members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Works Committee had met regarding Water Main Repairs for the raw water line that is broken, east of tow, under a slough. Stewart read the motion that the Public Works Committee had made. The motion stated that the city “was to go with the HDPE pipe and estimate of \$156,056, if it can be on site in five days with up to 10% additional over the highest bid of \$162,804; if the HDPE cannot be on site in 5 days then go with the PVC pipe and estimate.”

Kraft explained that the 10% included, wall anchors that would be necessary for the HDPE pipe. Steinke explained the necessity of the water line repair. She explained there would be some easement requirements that may need to be worked out as well. Trottier questioned if the 10% in addition to the total cost was a maximum or an estimate. Steinke explained it was a maximum of 10% more than the highest bid.

Olson explained that the 10% would be necessary for the contractor for items that were not included in his bid. The plan was for the contractor to come in with an estimate for fusible PVC, however the second option of HDPE was added and all necessary items were not included in that bid. When the committee chose the HDPE option, they also recommended an additional 10% for those costs.

LaRocque questioned which product, PVC or HDPE, had the longest useful life. Olson explained that they were both very comparable and either will last a long time. The cost difference is approximately \$6,000. LaRocque questioned which pipe the engineer recommended. It was explained that both Olson and Steve Jacobson, B & J Excavating, did not recommend one pipe over the other. Both believed that choice was up to the committee and council. Olson explained that because this project was a contractor project and not an engineer project, meaning that B & J Excavating was being hired to make the repair that he would not make a recommendation to the city as to which product to use. He also explained that if this project was an engineering project, meaning that the city was hiring AE2S to have the repairs made, he would tell the city which pipe they would be using.

LaRocque went on to question which pipe was the better choice if it were to freeze. Olson explained that fusible PVC would split linear and the HDPE has more expansion and contraction issues.

Kraft questioned how deep the existing line is buried. Olson estimated that the pipe is 8 feet deep. The line is below the frost line. Olson explained that with either product, on each end if installed correctly, he does not believe there would be any issues.

Olson explained that either product will be fused together so there will not be any joints along the pipe, under the water, that fail. Bednarz questioned if Olson would be onsite for this project? If the council agreed to have him onsite he would be. Bednarz and Kraft believed this would be beneficial. Olson explained that he could be onsite and observe.

Trottier believes the committee did its due diligence and made the motion to go with the HDPE pipe and estimate of \$156,056, if it can be on site in five days with up to 10% additional over the highest bid of \$162,804; if the HDPE cannot be on site in 5 days then go with the PVC pipe and estimate. Second by Lunde, roll call vote, Albrecht-yes, Lunde-yes, Kraft-yes, LaRocque-yes and Trottier-yes, motion carried.

Steinke questioned how the council wanted to handle the easements that may be necessary for the water line repair to be made. She suggested a motion that the attorney or mayor could negotiate the necessary easement. Kraft explained that the original easement covered the necessary land at the time, however when boring in the new line, it will be necessary to avoid the original trench. There was a motion by Kraft to allow the City Attorney to negotiate the easement and allow the mayor to approve the cost if any. Second by Albrecht, all voting yes, motion carried.

Olson explained the request for surveying 2 ½ Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> ST SE. Olson is requesting the council allow AE2S to move forward with the survey of 2 ½ Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> ST SE, so that it could be done this fall before snow. He is also asking the council to approve both Option 1 and Option 2 that were presented for the 2 ½ Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> ST SE project be included in the survey. The cost for the survey is \$25,719.00.

Olson explained that the current sewer line runs underneath the McGuires shop. There is no easement with the city and McGuires for this line. Olson explained that a Boundary Research will be necessary. AE2S can complete the Boundary Research which will not exceed \$5,000.

There was a motion by Bednarz to move forward with the surveying of 2 ½ Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> St SE this fall, of option 1 and 2, at the cost of \$25,719.00. Second by Kraft, roll call vote, Albrecht-yes, Lunde-yes, Kraft-yes, LaRocque-yes and Trottier-yes, motion carried.

Olson explained the Boundary Research would not exceed \$5,000. He asked for a motion to approve Plans and Specifications for the 2 ½ Ave and 6<sup>th</sup> St project, not to exceed \$50,000. He explained that this would be covered by the USDA grant money, once that was funded. Steinke questioned if this could be addressed at the October or November Council meeting. Olson indicated that this could certainly be reviewed at the October or November Council meeting. Albrecht-yes, Lunde-yes, Kraft-yes, LaRocque-yes and Trottier-yes, motion carried.

There being no further business to transact or come before the Council at this time, there was a motion by Kraft to adjourn the Council Meeting. Second by Bednarz, all voting yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

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Susan Steinke, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Stewart, City Auditor

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Date Approved