

Public Property, Streets & Sidewalks Committee – April 10, 2023

A Public Property, Streets & Sidewalk Committee of the City of Aledo met in Open Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall building on April 10, 2023. ALD. BARRY COOPER called the Committee meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following committee members answered present:

Aldermen MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRIS HAGLOCH. Alderman CHRIS KOPP was excused.

Also, present ILA BERTRAND, Alderman, DENNIS DIXON, Alderman, JAY DOHERTY, Alderman, JIM HOLMES, Alderman, PAUL BAELE, HDR Engineering, Inc., and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

The following was discussed:

Approval of Committee Minutes: Motion was made by ALD. SARABASA and seconded by ALD. CHAUSSE to approve the minutes of March 27, 2023 as presented. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement.

Public Comment: No Report.

Old Business:

Discussion on regarding a Neighborhood Vehicle Path to access the East-end Business District of Aledo – Status Update: MAYOR Hagloch reported he has contacted Rex Johnson of Green Development Group and Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine Services. The MAYOR is waiting for return calls on both properties.

MAYOR reported he has inquired about the sale of Lot 2 in Eagle Point Subdivision. No further discussion followed.

Other - MAYOR Hagloch updated the Committee on the status of the Jamie White property located at 104-108 SW 3rd Street, Aledo, IL. MAYOR noted the property owner is currently going through the eviction process and the court has instructed the property be cleaned up by 4/16. After that date, the property owner is allowed to go in and clean-up the property.

New Business:

Discussion regarding NE 2nd Avenue Improvements Sidewalk and Parking Area Reconstruction (E. Main Street to NW 2nd Street) Project: DPW Blaser provided a memorandum reporting as part of the FY 2023 CIP Budget, the City Council approved the NE 2nd Avenue Sidewalk Construction Project in the amount of \$200,000.00. The project was advertised with a March 28th bid opening. One proposal was received from Brandt Construction Co. in the amount of \$268,470.15. This is approximately 35% above the engineers estimate of \$199,137.00.

In discussion with city staff and the engineer, the council has three options.

1. Reject the bid, eliminate the project for 2023, and re-budget the project for 2024.
2. Reject the bid, adjust the scope of work and re-bid. (details below)

HDR has highlighted a “cost reduction” site plan. Removing these portions from the contract would reduce the project cost by approximately \$40,000+/- (Based on Brandt’s bid dollars) and still keep the main intent of the project the same. Items reduced would be 4” sidewalk (removal and replacement items), Curb and Gutter (removal and replacement items) and HMA pavement (removal and replacement items. As for the Construction Engineering Services, HDR is at a budget amount of \$24,000.00. This amount covers construction administration, pre-construction meeting, material reviews and approvals, weekly reporting scheduled progress meetings, part time on-site for major construction activities (estimated 1-time per week), project close-out, pay applications and as-built drawings provided. Construction Staking is also included and will be performed by Klingner and Associates. Staff was hoping to cover this amount in the contingency line item included in the bid tab.

3. Award the bid and perform a budget adjustment.

The budget adjustment amount needed from the general fund is \$92,470.15. (Project overage plus construction engineering services) There are three projects within the general fund that could be used.

1. Police vehicle - \$35,000.00. (total amount available)
2. SE 2nd Avenue Reconstruction Design - \$255,000.00. (current agreement \$74,000.00)
3. East Main Street Extension Design - \$275,000.00. (current agreement \$79,000.00)

The Committee inquired with Paul Baele, HDR Engineering, why the bid was so high with only one bidder. Baele reported concrete prices have gone up and is a constant battle. Typically, we would see four to six bidders so having only one bidder is an anomaly.

The Committee also debated the various costs within the bid submitted by Brandt Construction. Some of those examples include earth excavation and mobilization costs that appear higher than the Committee thought they should be.

After review, motion was made by ALD. Cooper and seconded by ALD. Sarabasa to approve the sole bid by Brandt Construction as presented and to move to the full City Council for final approval. A Roll call vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: Chausse, Cooper, and Sarabasa. NAYS: None. Motion carried. 3 yeas, 0 nays.

(Clerks note: ALD. Chausse voted in the positive for the motion but noting was done in protest due to the extra \$20K was voiced as excessive.)

MAYOR and CITY STAFF reported on the announcement by Governor Pritzker on April 7th announcing the City of Aledo had been awarded an Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant in the amount of \$1.39M. The grant is for the Ninth Avenue Shared-Use Path project starting at the Mercer County Jr. High School to Genesis Medical Center.

The project will include the construction of a multi-use path along Ninth Avenue, complete with ADA accessibility, signage, crosswalks and a storm sewer system for adequate drainage in the area.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN SARABASA and seconded by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:29 P.M.

Jarod Dale, City Clerk