

The Sanitation, Recycling, and Water Committee of the City Council for the City of Junction City met on Monday, April 6th, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 680 Greenwood Street, Junction City, Oregon.

PRESENT WERE: Councilors Jim Leach, Steven Hitchcock, and Randy Nelson; Interim City Administrator Jason Knope and Interim Public Works Director Gary Kaping.

ABSENT WERE: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Steven Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 2nd and March 23rd, 2015

The consensus of the Committee was to approve the minutes as edited.

IV. UPDATE ON RECYCLING OPTIONS

Interim Public Works Director Gary Kaping informed the Committee that City staff is still waiting on more information from Source Recycling to be able to give the Committee an apples to apples comparison. Interim Director Kaping then notified the Committee that we received an email from Weyerhaeuser that stated that “as of today, we will no longer to accepting your materials.” This caused us to make a quick change on where we take our recycling and how much we pay. Discussion followed.

V. WATER TOWER DISCUSSION

Interim City Administrator Jason Knope informed the Committee that there is an issue with the telecommunications on the water tower. The letter that was originally sent had not passed legal review yet. T-Mobile responded to the letter asking where their relocation site was per the contract. When looking at the contract, it states that we are required to provide them with another location that is close to the existing one, to erect a new manifold. The problem that we run into is that there is no location that is close and if there was our development code does not allow for cell towers. Discussion followed.

In taking with legal, Interim Administrator Knope stated that another option that the City has is to simply not renew their contract when it expires in 2016. At that point the City is not legally obligated to provide anything. Discussion followed.

ACTION: The consensus of the Committee was to forward this onto Council with the recommendation to not renew T-Mobiles contract.

VI. 1st STREET WATERLINE BIDS

Interim Public Works Director Kaping stated that before the Committee tonight is the bid result package for the 1st Street waterline project. He informed the Committee that all of the bids came in over the Engineer's estimate and that the lowest bid came from H&J Construction. There are a couple of options that we can handle the 1st Street waterline project. The first option is that we can award the project to the lowest bidder as written and just deal with the cost. The second option is that we can award the bid to the lowest bidder with the understanding that the City will renegotiate the terms to try and get the cost down. There is another option that the City can purchase all of the materials and use H&J Construction as the laborer. The final option would be that the City would do the work in house and subcontract the flagging and boring. Discussion followed.

Interim City Administrator Knope noted that there would be no guarantee as to how much the lower the contract would be if it was renegotiated. At a glance, \$15,000-\$16,000 could be saved. Discussion followed.

Interim City Administrator Knope informed the Committee that the safest bet is to award the contract to H&J Construction and renegotiate some terms to get the price down as low as possible. Discussion followed.

Councilor Jim Leach then asked if the City could buy the pipe.

Gary Kaping stated that the City could purchase all of the materials and not have to pay the mark up. This would save the City about \$5,000. Discussion followed.

ACTION: The consensus of the Committee was to forward the bids to the Council with the recommendation to award the bid to H&J Construction as written, with the understanding that the City would renegotiate the terms to lower the cost.

VII. AGENDA FORECASTER REVIEW

Interim Director Gary Kaping stated that the only change to the Agenda Forecaster is the addition of the 1st Street waterline project.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Shafer
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