



**MINUTES
CITY OF FRONTENAC
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009, 7:00 PM**

A. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Public Works Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. **ROLL CALL:** The members present were:

✓ Mr. Mike Thaman, Chairman
✓ Alderman Jon Serkes
✓ Mr. John Conroy

✓ Mr. Jamie Griesedieck
✓ Mr. Chris Kehr
✓ Mr. Ron Karst

Also present was Public Works Director, Jeff Wappelhorst.

C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Mr. Mike Thaman, asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Kehr motioned and Mr. Ron Karst seconded the approval of tonight's agenda. All Commissioners present voted "Aye". There were no "Nay" votes. **MOTION PASSED.**

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Mike Thaman, asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Kehr motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. John Conroy seconded the approval of the July 8, 2009 meeting minutes. All Commissioners present voted "Aye". There were no "Nay" votes. **MOTION PASSED.**

E. **PUBLIC FORUM: (PRESENTATION OF REMARKS AND/OR PETITIONS)**

Alderwoman Margot Martin thanked Jeff Wappelhorst for helping her look for Scout through Lynnbrook Subdivision. She happily reported that Scout reported home after his adventure.

F. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:**

Chairman Thaman thanked Jeff Wappelhorst for the tours around Frontenac. He also requested a workshop for the committee to detail the stormwater projects.

G. **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

No comments at this time.

H. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No comments at this time.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Upcoming Projects

Mr. Wappelhorst stated that we are looking at acquiring easements for the Geyer Road Project. We are also looking toward the Glen Abbey project to be completed in the spring of next year.

Alderman Serkes asked if this was the biggest year for projects in Frontenac. Mr. Wappelhorst responded yes we are being very aggressive about the projects at hand. Mr. Karst asked how the City comes to figure out their budget for the projects. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that they forecast their budget from the engineers completing estimates on what they appraise the projects to cost. Mr. Karst asked if this is a cap. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that next year will probably be less since we are getting some of our bigger stormwater projects done.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bid Results for Conway/Spoede Stormwater Improvement Project

Mr. Wappelhorst acknowledged that the City received four bidders for the Conway/Spoede Stormwater Improvement Project. He reported that Southern Ditching and Excavating came in at \$49,346.00 including the night option. Mr. Wappelhorst requested that the members motion to approve Southern Ditching and Excavating and recommend them to the Board of Aldermen for the completion of the Conway/Spoede Stormwater Improvement Project.

Chairman Thaman asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the bid or bidders. Mr. Conroy asked if the City has previously used Southern Ditching and Excavating. Mr. Wappelhorst answered that they had previously completed the Lynnbrook Stormwater Improvement Project and worked well with the homeowners.

Mr. Karst wondered why such few responded to the bid invitation. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that he suspected due to the size of the project and night work that will need to be completed. Mr. Griesedieck asked if the City requested night work be done to complete the project. Mr. Wappelhorst explained that this option was included in the specifications and all surrounding residents will be notified prior to the closure.

Mr. Kehr asked about the timeline of the project. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that we are looking at two weeks from start to finish and expressed that some contractors had forecasted a shorter timeline.

Chairman Mike Thaman, asked for a motion of the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen of Southern Ditching and Excavating to complete the Conway/Spoede Stormwater Improvement Project.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Kehr motioned to approve the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen of Southern Ditching and Excavating to complete the Conway/Spoede Stormwater Improvement Project at the contract amount of \$49,346.00. Mr. Jamie Griesieck seconded the approval of the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. All Commissioners present voted "Aye". There were no "Nay" votes. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Bid Results for Oak Valley/Hickory/Geyer Crossing Stormwater Improvement Project

Mr. Wappelhorst reported that the City had a very good turnout for the bid package. Len Madalon at EDM Incorporated issued one addendum for this project. He also fielded a lot of calls from contractors on the project. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that he called the lowest bidders references and visited a few of their job sites.

Mr. Karst asked if Mr. Madalon had reviewed the numbers since there was such a margin of difference between bids. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that Mr. Madalon did review the bid proposals. Mr. Wappelhorst reported that JW Marschuetz had the lowest rock removal bid and this included night work. He also stated that signage will be up at all times during the construction. Mr. Kehr asked what the timeline was for this project. Mr. Wappelhorst stated 120 days and they are hoping to have approval and start the 1st day after Labor Day.

Mr. Wappelhorst said that there will be about two weeks of utility staging and unfortunately we are on their schedule. Alderman Serkes asked if there will be any high risk times during construction of this project. Mr. Wappelhorst responded that the key will be to get through the road crossing as quickly as possible but we will never be worse than we are today.

Chairman Thaman asked that looking at the bid results do we know why some contractors came in so much higher than others. Mr. Wappelhorst stated that this could possibly be time restrictions and estimated equipment usage for the project.

Chairman Mike Thaman asked for a motion of the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen of JW Marschuetz to complete the Oak Valley/Hickory/Geyer Crossing Stormwater Improvement Project at their bid amount of \$820,587.67.

MOTION: Mr. Chris Kehr motioned to approve the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen of JW Marschuetz to complete the Oak Valley/Hickory/Geyer Crossing Stormwater Improvement Project at the contract amount of \$820,587.67. Mr. Jamie Griesieck seconded the approval of the recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. All Commissioners present voted "Aye". There were no "Nay" votes. MOTION PASSED.

K. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF TENTATIVE MEETING DATES:**

Workshop – Tuesday, September 1, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting - Thursday, September 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

L. **VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Mike Thaman, asked for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Ron Karst motioned and Mr. Jamie Griesedieck seconded the meeting be adjourned. All Commission members present voted "Aye". The vote was unanimous. MOTION PASSED.

M. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.