

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
Work Session – July 13, 2015

Pursuant to due call and notice, a work session of the City Council of the City of Bemidji, Beltrami County, Minnesota, was held on Monday, July 13, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of City Hall, Mayor Albrecht presiding.

Upon roll call, the following Councilmembers were declared present: Albrecht, Meehlhause, Hellquist, Johnson, Olson, Erickson Absent: Larson

Staff Present: City Manager Nate Mathews, Finance Director Ron Eischens, Public Works Director/City Engineer Craig Gray, City Clerk Kay Murphy

2015 East-West Trail Project

Public Works Director Gray stated that a bid opening on the construction of the second phase of the East-West Trail Project (#15-04) was held on April 28, 2015. The following four bids were received:

JD Hansen & Sons, Inc.	\$293,218.90
Reierson Construction, Inc.	\$321,019.30
Gordon Construction	\$361,217.84
Mark Sand & Gravel	\$503,028.30

Gray stated that because federal funds are involved the project required a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 3%. The bid from JD Hansen & Sons, Inc., was rejected by the State because it did not meet the DBE project goals. On July 7 the City was notified by the State that the bid submitted by Reierson Construction was approved and that the City could award the contract. Gray reviewed the financing for the project noting that the city portion of \$113,000 is \$54,000 less than the \$167,000 that was budgeted in the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

Erickson expressed concerns regarding the DBE requirement which will result in the project costing an additional \$27,800. A brief discussion followed regarding DBE requirements.

Gray stated that the project will begin August 1 and will take 4-6 weeks.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Johnson, to award the bid to Reierson Construction in the amount of \$321,019.30 for the 2015 East-West Trail, City Project #15-04. Motion carried with Erickson voting no.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Olson, to close the meeting in accordance with Minnesota Statute Section 13D.03, Subd. 1 for the purpose of discussing strategies for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 5:38 p.m.

Motion by Meehlhause, seconded by Olson, to reopen the meeting at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk