

A special meeting of the City Commission was held in the Commission Room of the City-County building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bosbous

Present: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer (arrived at 12:05 p.m.),
Burton, Lynn, Munsell and Stefanski

Absent: Commissioner Gerrie

Also Present: City Manager Nebel, City Attorney Cannello, City Clerk Robin R. Troyer, Acting City Engineer Steve Gregorich, Assistant City Engineer Alicia Askwith, and DDA Director Lee Brown

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the absence of Commissioner Gerrie be excused.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration and authorization to add elements of the Water Street Streetscape project to the Bacco Construction contract:

Consideration for working with Cloverland Electric on placement of conduit for underground electrical on Water Street:

The City of Sault Ste. Marie borrowed funding to do Streetscape work on Water Street as part of the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program currently underway. It was expected that the City would be able to use these funds to match an anticipated State grant from the transportation enhancement program through the Michigan Department of Transportation. The City was informed earlier during the construction season that the City would not be receiving the Enhancement Grant for this project. What administration is proposing to do is to utilize the existing funds the City has to implement certain elements of the Streetscape design. In order to address the budget shortfall from the lack of State funds for this project, administration is recommending that the City Commission eliminate the decorative lighting system, the brick and concrete cross walks at the intersections of Water Street and the decorative soldier brick line that would line the concrete sidewalks. The project includes the placement of pedestrian information signage for the use of interpreting the history of Water Street, concrete seat wall with signage at the Bingham and Brady intersections welcoming people to the historic Water Street area, replacement of sidewalk through the area, planting of shade trees and ornamental trees throughout the project area, placement of benches and litter receptacles throughout the area and the placement of conduit for a future lighting system under driveways and intersections to eliminate the need to disturb these areas at the time in the future when the City might be able to proceed with the decorative lighting system for Water Street. In order to get this work completed this year administration is recommending that the Commission do it through a change order

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with Bacco Construction Company. Bacco has provided a net change order in the amount of \$408,375.00 to do this additional work.

In addition there will be additional construction engineering for this project. Utilizing the percentage allowed for the CSO Project of 12.80 percent this would add an additional \$52,300.00 to the C2AE agreement in order to oversee this additional work.

Finally there are some additional design scope work that we have authorized administratively of \$4,778.00 to reconfigure these plans in order to be able to get this quote from Bacco to add the work. C2AE has reviewed the work that's required and the remaining budget project of \$497,273.57 can support this project with contingency amounts. City Manager Nebel recommended that the Commission complete this work by authorizing this change order and the additional construction engineering to oversee the Streetscape improvements.

In addition the City has been approached by Cloverland Electric Operative regarding the possibility of the City installing conduit that would allow Cloverland to place electrical services underground through the entire length of Water Street. With Water Street's key location along the St. Mary's River this is probably an excellent candidate to consider the possibility of placing overhead wires underground. If the Commission is interested in considering doing this, this would certainly be the time to pursue this activity prior to the Street being restored. Conduits would generally be placed under sidewalks throughout the project area. This would require a quick decision of the Commission in order to get conduit placed under the sidewalk. Cloverland has indicated that they are planning a rebuild of Water Street in the next few years. As a result they have deducted a portion of the costs that would be avoided from these prices should the conduit be available underground. The remaining additional cost would be the City's cost to incur.

If the City wanted to place all of the electrical on Water Street underground as part of this CSO Project Cloverland has indicated a cost of approximately \$238,000.00 which would place electrical underground from Johnston Street to Osborn. If the Commission wanted to just add the conduit at this time that cost would be approximately \$76,000.00 the City would need to incur the rest to place conduit from Johnston to Osborn on Water Street. Cloverland indicated that it would be possible to rebuild certain sections of the system over years and the cost in today's dollars that the City would be responsible for incurring to participate in this would be the balance of the \$238,000.00 plus the \$76,000.00 which could be allocated over several years as the work is being completed. Cloverland is particularly interested in getting the power placed underground on Water Street behind the Federal Building. Currently the plan is to relocate the poles in the right-of-way in order to accommodate angled parking on Water Street for City Hall. The cost of moving the poles within the right-of-way is Cloverland's cost. If the Commission paid the \$76,000.00 to have conduit placed through that whole area Cloverland has estimated that the cost to place the electrical underground from Brady Street to Bingham would be \$49,000.00 which would eliminate the need to place new poles in the area if the conduit is in place. (Furthermore, if the City Commission just wanted to put in conduit for the section between Brady and Bingham the cost of the conduit would be an additional \$19,200.00 to accommodate

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underground power from Brady to Bingham Street.) The complicating factor with this work is that a number of the poles are also utilized by either Charter or AT & T. This could mean a delay in some of the poles being removed that are currently being used since there is not any agreement from Charter or AT & T to eliminate these poles as of this time. With Cloverland's change in policy from the Edison Sault Electric Company's policy, this is something that has come up late in the game for this project.

Moved by Commissioner Munsell, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission consider the placement of underground conduit to facilitate the future placement of electrical lines underground on Water Street from Johnston to Osborn in an estimated amount of \$76,000.00 with funds being appropriated from the street contingency for this work.

Carried: Yeas: Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer, Burton, Munsell, and Stefanski
Nays: Commissioner Lynn

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission approve a change order with Bacco Construction in the amount of \$408,375.00 to include the Streetscape work as part of the Bacco Construction contract as part of the Streetscape restoration phase of the CSO Project.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Bauer, Burton, Lynn, Munsell, Stefanski, and Mayor Bosbous
Nays: None

Moved by Commissioner Stefanski, supported by Commissioner Munsell

That the City Commission consider an amendment to the Construction Administration Contract with C2AE to add \$52,300.00 (12.8 percent of the construction costs) for the administration of this project.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Burton, Lynn, Munsell, Stefanski, Mayor Bosbous, and Commissioner Bauer
Nays: None

New City Hall Renovation project:

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Burton

That the City Commission add the discussion of the New City Hall renovation project to the agenda.

Carried: Yeas: Commissioner Lynn, Munsell, Stefanski, Mayor Bosbous, Commissioner Bauer, and Burton

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Nays: None

Commissioner Lynn inquired about the progress on the New City Hall renovation project. Commissioner Lynn has heard rumor that the project was not progress as originally planned. City Manager Nebel updated the Commission on the issues relating to the renovation project.

Moved by Commissioner Lynn, supported by Commissioner Stefanski

That the meeting adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

ANTHONY G. BOSBOUS, MAYOR ROBIN R. TROYER, CITY CLERK

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