

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 20, 2024
8:30 A.M.

The Board of Public Works & Safety of the City of Huntingburg met in special session on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at the hour of 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chambers of the Huntingburg City Hall. Members Elkins, Fitch, Blessinger, Souders and Schmett were present. Also present were Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Stevens and City Attorney Schneider.

Mayor Elkins called the special meeting to order.

Wastewater Superintendent Coomer discussed with the Board pump problems at the 19th St. Lift Station. Coomer presented different options of purchasing pumps or repairing the current pump with various parts. Since that lift station is setup as a triplex lift station, he recommended rebuilding Pump #2 that is currently down (cost of \$5,989.00), order a new KSB Pump, look into ordering VFD controls to complete the triplex lift station for three pumps. The new KSB pump was quoted for \$48,950.00 (KM Specialty Pumps), and currently has a lead time of 10-12 weeks.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried to rebuild the existing pump, get the VFD controls for the additional pump, and order the new KSB pump for installation.

Eric Parsley, from Commonwealth Engineers, Inc., was present to update the Board on the new wastewater treatment plant improvement project bids for Division A and Division B that took place on March 14, 2024.

The only bid received for Division A was from Reynolds Construction with a base bid of \$34,070,000.00, with mandatory alternates for demolition in the amount of \$900,000.00. Parsley recommended accepting Reynolds Construction for Division A, without the demolition alternates, for fear of receiving no bids, cost increasing, or deadlines being missed if the Board would choose to rebid. He noted the demolition alternates could be done separately at a later date, without holding up the project.

A motion was made by Blessinger, seconded by Schmett and carried to accept the base bid of Reynolds Construction for Division A, without the mandatory alternate, in the amount of \$34,070,000.00.

Two bids were received for Division B for the collection system pipework from MAC Construction in the amount of \$3,758,000.00 and Love Excavating in the amount of \$2,799,371.00. Due to the difference in the bid amounts and interest from more contractors, Parsley recommended rejecting the bids that were received and rebidding Division B on April 11th at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Souders, seconded by Blessinger and carried to reject the bids received for Division B, and authorizing a rebidding date of April 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.


Schneider noted that a bid opening committee will need to be appointed for the April 11th bid opening.

A motion was made by Schmett, seconded by Fitch and carried to appoint Mayor Elkins, Clerk-Treasurer Dippel and Wastewater Superintendent Coomer to the Board of Public Works Bid Opening Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schmett, seconded by Souders and carried at 9:01 A.M.



M. Neil Elkins
Mayor



Amy M. Stevens
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer