

UTILITY COMMITTEE

January 4, 2021

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Hegy, Sikora

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Member Carroll

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes, City Administrator Steve Volkert, City Engineer John Griffin

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period – None.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Director of Utilities Rhodes provided information on the electric service interruptions. In the Village of Slinger, on December 10 there was an outage that affected about 80 customers in the Nordic Lane and Glacier Pass area. On December 6 was a water main break on 300 block of W. Rossman Street which was repaired December 7. That section of the water main is scheduled to be replaced in 2024.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing an Underground Cable from Border States Electric – Several 2021 projects have been identified in the CIP and in the Village of Slinger that will require the purchase of underground cables needed to replace the conductors along parts of Monroe Avenue near Summit Street, Monroe Avenue near S. Wilson, and new cable in the Farmstead Creek Subdivision. It is recommended that 30,000 feet of 1/0 28kV primary underground cable be purchased from Border States Electric, and any remaining cable will be placed in the utility inventory for future projects. It was competitively bid through WPPI's joint purchasing program. Border States was awarded the cable contract for 2020 and 2021. The total cost of material is not to exceed \$64,053.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Sikora recommending the purchase of underground cable from Border States Electric at a cost not to exceed \$64,053. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Consideration of Purchasing a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado – The water utility's 2021 CIP includes replacing a 2004 Chevy Silverado due to several expensive repairs and general maintenance. It is recommended to purchase the 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HDE 4WD pick-up truck with a fiberglass service body at a cost not to exceed \$50,431 from Ewald Automotive Group. The Ewald Automotive Group was awarded the Fleet Contract for the state of Wisconsin. Director of Utilities Rhodes responded to questions relating to this purchase.

MOTION by Alderperson Sikora, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy with the provision that a backup camera be put into the vehicle if not already in the package. MOTION CARRIED.

Introduction of John Griffin, new City Engineer – City Administrator Steve Volkert introduced John Griffin, the new City Engineer.

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Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Sikora, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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