

UTILITY COMMITTEE
Monday, November 1, 2021
6:00pm

PRESENT: Members Carroll, Hegy, Sikora

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes, Sewer Utility Director Dave Piquett

Call to Order – Alderperson Hegy 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.

Update on Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes provided an update on the following:

Water Main Breaks:

1. In the 600 block of Harker Avenue, a leak was detected but crews were initially unable to locate the source of the leak. A leak locating service was called in and was able to pinpoint the location of the leak and it will be repaired by the end of the week.

Electrical Interruptions:

1. On August 10th, in the Western Hills subdivision, a severe thunderstorm passed through the area and lightning from the storm caused a fuse to fail on Cedar Street. The line crew replaced the fuse and restored power. About 100 customers were affected. Slinger also experienced an outage in the Glen Hill Ln area from the same storm. Lightning hit a transformer and caused an outage. The transformer was replaced and power was restored. About 50 customers were affected.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 12 transformers of various sizes from RESCO at a cost not to exceed \$88,185.40 – Director Rhodes explained these transformers are for the Western Drive and West State Street project that was included in the CIP Budget. He also mentioned that lead times for parts are still high, so it is important to stay ahead.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora approving the purchase of 12 transformers of various sizes from RESCO at a cost not to exceed \$88,185.40.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of accepting the proposal from Ewald Automotive Group for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Super Duty F-350 1-ton dump truck with a regular cab truck and four-wheel drive for a cost not to exceed \$69,301 – Director Rhodes explained that Ford was one of the only companies still accepting bids for this year and this truck was exactly what the department needed. He also explained that this truck is upgrading and replacing one pickup truck.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora accepting the proposal from Ewald Automotive Group for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Super Duty F-350 1-ton dump truck with a regular cab truck and four-wheel drive for a cost not to exceed \$69,301.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Discussion and consideration of accepting the proposal from Municipal Well and Pump for the rehabilitation of Well #15 for a cost not to exceed \$88,693 – Director Rhodes explained the proposal is over what was included in the CIP Budget due to materials costs increasing and discovering that the column pipe in the well is a larger pipe than what was originally used to provide the estimate. However, the cost will be covered in the annual budget. Director Rhodes recommends moving forward with the project now, due to costs not being expected to come down in the next year and that postponing this well will interfere with maintenance schedules for the other city wells.

MOTION by Alderperson Sikora, seconded by Alderperson Carroll accepting the proposal from Municipal Well and Pump for the rehabilitation of Well #15 for a cost not to exceed \$88,693.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 600 water modules from Elster Solutions Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$43,600 and 600 bronze water meters from Badger Meter for a cost not to exceed \$83,640 – Director Rhodes explained the City is able to secure a \$2.50 discount per meter if the purchase is approved before the end of the year.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora approving the purchase of 600 water modules from Elster Solutions Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$43,600 and 600 bronze water meters from Badger Meter for a cost not to exceed \$83,640.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of approving the applications for sewer lateral replacement reimbursement by Kathy Larson, 335 Cedar Street, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500; and approval from the sewer lateral assistance fund to Thomas Hostad, 2816 Robin Circle, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; and Ronald Krentz, 6985 Lark Avenue, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100 – Director Piquett explained that all three residents have met the requirements of the respective funds and recommends in favor of approving the applications.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora approving the applications for sewer lateral replacement reimbursement by Kathy Larson, 335 Cedar Street, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500; and approval from the sewer lateral assistance fund to Thomas Hostad, 2816 Robin Circle, at a cost not to exceed \$6,000; and Ronald Krentz, 6985 Lark Avenue, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Sikora for adjournment at 6:40 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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