

MINUTES OF THE FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 26, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Martin Pepin, Chair
Councilor David Witham

Mayor Alternate Appointed: Councilor Richard R. Michaud

Committee Members Absent: Councilor Kenneth S. Vincent, Vice-Chair
Citizen Rep. Paul Robidas

Administration/Staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore
Finance Director Scott Smith
Fire Chief George Kramlinger
Welfare Officer Kristen LaPanne

Others in attendance: Port One - Kelly Davis and Evan Mullen
Harvey Construction - Senan Murdock

Chairman Pepin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilor Pepin made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 2-0-1; Councilor Michaud abstained

REVIEW OF PROJECT BUDGET

Manager Belmore began the discussion with reporting that he, Chief Kramlinger and Director Smith met with Port One, Harvey Construction and other members of the project team to review the budget. Mr. Murdock reported that the original GMP was \$7,824,000, and to date excluding the change order signed today through change order 7, were increases of \$95,000 bring the updated GMP to \$7,919,000. In addition, there are pending change orders of just under \$100,000. The overall budget to date is projecting an overage of \$36,000 due to the extended schedule caused by the need for proper removal and disposal of the contaminated fill. There is a current remaining contingency in the budget of \$124,000. Explained that the contaminated fill pushed back the start date which required more winter construction causing an increase to the line item for temp heat by approximately \$13,000 and while expecting a second season of winter construction. Reports phase one of the project is complete.

Director Smith explained the total project budget of \$9,000,000 having three major components; 1) Harvey Construction, 2) Port One Architects, and 3) soft costs including contingency totaling today \$8,987,000 contracted out. The budget does not consider the removal of the contaminated fill. Manager Belmore informed the Committee that there is a concern of possible contaminated asphalt that he is looking to verify which will add to the disposal cost.

Councilor Pepin added that the contingency funds appear to be healthy in which Port One was in agreement and mentioned a \$75,000 design contingency which has yet to be spent. There was additional conversation regarding the authorizing of separate funds in the future to be approved and utilized towards the disposal of the contaminated fill and a suggestion of using the fill in landscaping which was visited but rejected due to concern that any runoff of contamination from rain and snow would spread to clean surfaces.

REVIEW OF TRAINING TOWER COST ESTIMATE

Manager Belmore reported that the City received verification from HUD of a grant award in the amount of \$120,000. There was a revised estimate for the training tower of about \$318,000 meaning the City would be responsible for almost another \$200,000. Councilor Witham expressed desire for the training tower but with the uncertainty of the contaminated fill cost increases, is opposed to going to the full Council to request additional funding to ensure that the current Fire Station Project is appropriately funded. Councilor Pepin is in agreement. Additionally, it was confirmed that the grant money cannot be utilized elsewhere and it was concluded for a vote to be taken to the full City Council to respectfully decline the grant as the City is not in a position to provide a match with the unknown cost increases of the contamination fill disposal.

Councilor Witham made a motion to add the Training Tower Grant rejection on the full council agenda for vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Michaud and passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Councilor Pepin made mention of being approached by Paul Robidas about adding an additional row of windows to the front doors which he believes was previously discussed and would increase costs. Manager Belmore explained the thought was to remove a row from the back doors and place them in the front doors for a total of 4 rows in the front and 1 in the back allowing for more light in the front and less light in the back area of the station, however it comes with an increased cost estimate of \$5,000-\$10,000. Councilor Witham stated that the current design will allow for morning and afternoon light with Councilor Pepin adding that any additional windows may cause loss of heating efficiency during the winter. The Committee agrees to keep the design the way that it currently is.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Michaud made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Pepin and passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen LaPanne, Welfare Officer