

MINUTES of the Fire Station Building Committee
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members present:

Councilor Martin Pepin, Chairman
Councilor David Witham, Vice Chairman
Councilor Kenneth Vincent
Citizen Representative Paul Robidas

Staff Members present:

Bob Belmore, City Manager
Scott Smith, Finance Director
Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk
George Kramlinger, Fire Chief

Chairman Martin Pepin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM MARCH 9, 2021

Citizen Robidas made a motion to approve minutes from March 9, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Witham and passed 4-0.

PROJECT UPDATES

a.) Guaranteed Maximum Price

Manager Belmore informed the Committee that the project is out to bid via advertisement and invitation with a due date of June 10th. Wanting to keep the Committee in the loop he informed the Committee that the new estimate is roughly \$7.2 million without soft costs and roughly \$8.4 when soft costs are added. He said he and Director Smith discussed and agreed that the best idea is to use contingency first and then seek Council approval to utilize additional funds if need be. In addition, Belmore also mentioned there is a new estimate for the training tower. He stated the project is out to bid so we need to wait until we received actual bid costs.

b.) Soft costs – Bid List

Councilor Witham reminded the Committee that the City has gone out for federal funding which could provide relief to soft costs. Councilor Witham inquired how much the City is expected to receive. Chief Kramlinger replied he is confident the City will receive \$120k for decontamination and breathing apparatus and an additional \$120k for EOC equipment and a generator. Citizen Robidas asked if the Chief has a good sense from dealing with the State if that the funding will be received. Kramlinger replied that his sense is that it is more of a formality and that the City will likely get the funds. He added that the question of federal funding is scheduled to be voted on in July.

c.) Ground Breaking

Manager Belmore explained that ground breaking is currently scheduled to begin sometime in July or August. Citizen Robidas asked Chief Kramlinger if the delay in ground breaking would cause any issues with his

department. Kramlinger replied that it would not affect anything in the long run and is not concerned about the timeline in regards to winter weather. Councilor Witham said he is eager to lock in the GMP to ensure our funding needs. Robidas added he wouldn't want to look at cuts until the GMP is locked in. Councilor Vincent asked the reason for the delay in groundbreaking. Director Smith replied it was due to the delay in receiving the GMP. Robidas asked if the City was locked into a higher price if prices see a drop. Smith replied that the Construction Manager looks for costs savings as the project is moving forward.

MISCELLANEOUS

Manager Belmore mentioned that the Planning Board will be looking at a lot line adjustment necessary and also mentioned there is a pipe going through the parking lot related to a superfund site. He explained the City is petitioning the EPA to allow the City to abandon it.

ADJOURN

Councilor Witham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Citizen Robidas and passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Slaven, City Clerk