



MINUTES

Public Works & Utilities Advisory Committee

January 17, 2018

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Ken McKillop – Chair, *Contractor*
Travis Bourne – Vice Chair, *Contractor*
Tom Sylte, *At-Large*
Mike Oakley, *At-Large*
Zane Green, *Engineer*
Dale Filholm, *Supplier*
Nate Wilson, *At-Large*

City Staff:

Heath VonEye, *Development Services Director*
Steve Peterson, *Capital Projects Coordinator*
Kent Clark, *Streets Manager*
Levi Jensen, *Utilities Project Manager*
Trond Birk, *Electrical Engineering Supervisor*
Jill McCarty, *Administrative Support*

Absent: Mark Hines – *Engineer*

Meeting Quorum: Yes

I. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Ken McKillop, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Travis Bourne made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom Sylte seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. Personal Appearances:

Heath introduced the new members of the committee: Nate Wilson, Dale Filholm, and Zane Green, and gave an overview of the committee for the new members. Also in attendance were Trond Birk and Levi Jensen from the Utilities Department.

IV. Old Business:

- **Project Update**

Heath said the Interstate Industrial Park project is currently out for bid, with an addendum just being sent out. A bid opening is scheduled for January 25, 2018, for the project. The Gurley Overpass Maintenance Rehab is being designed, and will include a full mill overlay of the bridge deck. A March 2018 bid opening is expected for the project.

Steve Peterson said the Alley PMS 2018 bid has been awarded, with several more projects coming out for bid in the next few months.

Trond said the Electrical Division is working at the Cam-plex with cable replacement. A fiber network will be installed by Highway 59 and Shoshone Avenue, and work is being done at railroad crossings for the Madison blending line.

Levi said there are multiple projects on-going with the Madison Pipeline project. The blending line work continues on Warlow Drive and by interstate. The wellfield project is being finished up, with the testing of the pipes being passed. The

wellfield drilling project is on hold, and the city is working with the Department of Environmental Quality to assist in the determination or cause of well issues for land owners.

Levi said the city is working with the Force Road Joint Powers Board for a new connection to the Madison blending line, which will be the ninth connection on the system so far. Two more projects are scheduled to be completed this upcoming construction season with the Stonegate and Crestview connections.

Ken asked about the alternatives to the Gurley Overpass, and if the city was still looking to change the location of the overpass. Heath said he has discussed the condition of the Gurley overpass with Council. A grade separated crossing study had been completed in 2008, and Heath said he gave the City Council multiple locates to explore to start budget planning for the project.

Nate asked whether the railroad providing funds for the crossing had been discussed, and Heath said BNSF will become part of the discussion for the proposed new overpass. It is unknown what was contributed by BNSF for the Gurley Overpass when it was constructed, but the railroad is generally very supportive of the grade separated crossings.

V. New Business:

- **Topics for 2018**

- 1% Optional Sales Tax Map

- Ken inquired if the 1% Optional Sales Tax information on the city's website had updated information for the current year. He thought it might be missing projects completed in years past. Heath said he thought it was current, and would have GIS review it to see if it was the current information.

- Special Provisions and Specifications

- Discussion was held by the committee on a project being bid with a Special Provision for a quarter- to half-inch settlement, and how to determine if the depression is actual settlement. Ken said there were many factors that could cause that size of a depression, and thought the language should relate to when there is obvious trench settlement. Travis believed the trench settlement should be what has been written in the past for projects. Heath said the trench settlement language was most probably due to having the project on county and state roads, along with private property with easements, and if the SP were taken out completely the city would have difficulty in performing a significant pipeline project without a tolerance specification for trench settlement that meets the third-party expectations.

- Heath said the city would have discussions with the consultant on whether the SP could be pulled from the current project, or if the project would be better to have a tolerance built in. Heath said any further comments or ideas for the consultant could be emailed to him.

- Ken inquired why the same project had been designed using the 2012 Standard Construction Specifications instead of the 2017 version, specifically for rejection of material. Steve said the project was designed when the 2012 specifications were still in effect, and the current version adopted by City Council is the one used when project design begins. Heath said when a project is designed under an older version of the specifications, to have the consultant go back and amend the project documents or plan set can be a costly matter. However, certain specifications from the newer specs can be added as an SP, if needed. Heath said those can be submitted through the consultant so the city can consider it and possibly administer an addendum for the project.

- Lien Releases

- Nate inquired if lien releases could be used more strictly for making sure subcontractors and suppliers were getting paid for work completed on projects. Levi thought having the City Attorney look more into the matter would help, and see if the lien release could help in making sure proper payments are being made by the main contractor. Heath said he could get more background information from the City Attorney for future discussion on this.

- **Election of Officers**

Tom Sylte nominated Travis Bourne for Chairman. Dale Filholm second the motion. All were in favor.

Tom Sylte nominated Mike Oakley for Vice-Chairman. Travis Bourne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

VI. Other Business:

Next Meeting February 21, 2018.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.