

UTILITY COMMITTEE
December 3, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Hegy, Carroll, Kohler

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Rhodes, Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett

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 and water main breaks.

AMI Electric Meters – The approved 2019 CIP includes \$150,000 to purchase AMI electric meters as part of the electric meter replacement program. The current CIP identifies a schedule for replacing the residential electric meters over the next three years. This is the final phase of this project which is expected to be completed by the end of 2021. Prior to starting the meter replacement program, staff met with the two vendors and determined that Elster could provide the best solution for the AMI project. The cost of the Elster meters for this phase of the project amounts to \$92,928, which is under the CIP budgeted amount. Director of Utilities Rhodes responded to questions relating to this project.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending the purchase of AMI electric meters for the commercial and industrial customers from Elster Solutions, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$92,928. MOTION CARRIED.

Primary Underground Cable – In 2019 several projects have been identified in the approved CIP and in the Village of Slinger that will require the purchase of primary underground cable. This cable was competitively bid through WPPI's joint purchasing program and RESCO was awarded the cable contract for 2018.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler recommending the purchase of 30,000 feet of 1/0 28kV primary underground cable from RESCO at a cost not to exceed \$75,300. MOTION CARRIED.

Wilson Avenue Substation Reclosure Replacements – The approved 2019 CIP includes funds to replace all four substation reclosures at the Wilson Avenue Substation. The new reclosures will reduce the amount of time the substation is out of service for maintenance and improve reliability for the customers served from this substation. Bids were advertised for this project, with two bids received. Forster Electrical Engineering, Hartford's electrical engineering consultant, reviewed and evaluated the bids and recommends awarding the contract to RESCO for a price not to exceed \$67,384.

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MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll recommending the purchase of four G&W Viper-S substation reclosures with electronic controls from RESCO for a price not to exceed \$67,384. MOTION CARRIED.

Interior/Exterior Painting and Repairs for Airport Road Water Tower – The approved 2019 CIP includes \$340,000 to rehabilitate the 500,000 gallon water tower located on Airport Road (Hwy U). Bids were advertised for this project, with eight bids received. Dixon Engineering reviewed and evaluated the bids and recommends awarding this project to L.C. United Painting Co., Inc., Sterling Heights, MI, for a cost not to exceed \$236,000. L.C. United worked earlier this year painting and rehabbing the High Street water tower. Dixon Engineering will be inspecting the work on this project.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending that appropriate City Officials enter into an agreement with L.C. United Painting Co., Inc. to overcoat the exterior, repaint the interior, and make all necessary repairs to the 500,000 gallon water tower located on Airport Road (Hwy U) for a cost not to exceed \$236,000. MOTION CARRIED.

Sewer Lateral Replacement Reimbursement – Plant and Collections Systems Director Piquett noted that property owners Michael & Debra Clarenbach have met the requirements for the sewer lateral replacement reimbursement as per Resolution No. 3500, and recommend it be approved.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler approving the sewer lateral replacement reimbursement for Michael & Debra Clarenbach, 207 E Lincoln Avenue, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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Compiled by Pat Borlen, Deputy Clerk