

06/09/2022

The regular meeting of the Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 5:30pm by Chairman Gulbranson (over the phone.) Present were Board Members Jones, Russell, Avey, and Belden (over the phone). Also present were City Administrator Ashour, Utility Superintendent Howey, Billing Clerk Stouffer, Chip Schultz, Jeff Godwin, Ben Stouffer, Trevor Nelson, and Dustin Foster.

Moved by Avey, seconded by Jones to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A- Approval of Regular Meeting of 05/12/2022, Joint Meeting of 05/12/2022 and Special Meeting of 05/18/2022
- B- Approval of Financial Statement as of 05/31/2022
- C- Approval of bills as presented

Roll Call: All Ayes

Chairman Gulbranson opened the public hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the proposed 2022 water main improvement project.

There were no written or oral comments.

Chairman Gulbranson declared the public hearing closed.

Moved by Russell, seconded by Avey to approve Resolution No. 22-07U “Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project.”

Roll Call: All Ayes

Jeff Godwin, engineer with Snyder & Associates made a presentation to the Board regarding the bids received for the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project. The lowest bid was less than the estimate prepared by Snyder & Associates of \$4,200,424.00. The bids are as follows:

Great Plains Contractors, LLC	Lancaster, MO	Bid: \$3,853,026.00
McCarthy Trenching, LLC	Avoca, IA	Bid: \$4,785,700.00
Synergy Contracting, LLC	Des Moines, IA	Bid: \$5,686,465.00
King Construction	Wall Lake, IA	Bid: \$6,442,444.00

Jeff Godwin, engineer with Snyder & Associates stated the need to table item 5(C) Consideration of Bids for the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project until the letter from the USDA is received confirming funding for the Water Project.

Utility Financial Advisor Chip Schultz with Northland Securities made a presentation to the Board regarding the status of the financing for the Water Project.

Chairman Gulbranson tabled item 5(D) Resolution No. 22-10U “Resolution Awarding the Contract for the 2022 Water Main Improvements Project” until the next meeting.

Chairman Gulbranson tabled item 5(E) Water Tower Color until the next meeting.

Utility Financial Advisor Chip Schultz with Northland Securities made a presentation to the Board regarding the option of paying the Water System Improvements Project Engineering Fees from the Utility account before the proceeds of financing are received, and reimburse the account from the bonds issued after proceeds of financing are received.

Moved by Avey, seconded by Jones to pay the Water System Improvements Engineering Fees from the utility account before the proceeds of financing are received, and reimburse the account from the bonds issued after proceeds of financing are received.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The Board approved the Monthly Reports submitted by City Administrator Ashour which included the Financial Report, Delinquent Account Report, Payment Agreement Report, Budget Billing Report, and Offset Program Report.

Adjournment at 5:48pm

Minutes submitted by Billing Clerk Stouffer.

John Gulbranson, Chairman

Ashraf Ashour, City Administrator