

SYRACUSE TOWN COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

JULY 10, 2012

Larry Siegel, Council President, called the Special Meeting of the Syracuse Town Council to order at 10:00 a.m. Other council members present were Jeff Morgan, Paul Stoelting, and Brian Woody. Town Manager Henry DeJulia and Clerk Treasurer Julie Kline were also present. Councilman Bill Musser was absent.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken Jones, of Wightman Petrie, gave his report and recommendation on the bids received for the North Industrial Park project. He advised the bids were received on June 26; the bid amounts were good. He noted the bids for the offsite improvements were higher than the engineering estimates, and the onsite were lower than estimated. Mr. Jones added they plan to work with the contractor on the fire pressure booster station to lower the cost and replace it with a less expensive one. He has forwarded the information to the contractor for his review. Once a response has been received, a change order can be requested.

Mr. Jones recommended the contract for the North Business Park Utility Extension project be awarded to H & G Underground Utilities. The bid from H & G was \$1,903,604.50; they were the lowest bid and most responsible bidder for the offsite utilities extension. For the onsite improvements, Wightman Petrie recommends we accept the bid from Cripe Excavating. Cripe Excavating submitted the lowest bid at \$887,683.55. Mr. Jones stated he needs council approval on the bids so the information can be submitted to EDA. Hopefully we can break ground by September or earlier. Larry asked if the completion date was part of the bids. Ken Jones explained the contractor will be asked to mobilize as soon as they receive the notice to proceed; he expects completion by June 2013. Henry added there is a penalty clause in the bid specifications. Brett Konarski, also of Wightman Petrie, advised completion in 180 days is in the contracts. If there is not an approved extension, the penalty is \$1,000.00 per day.

Paul made a motion that H & G Underground Utilities be awarded the contract for the North Business Park Utilities Extension Project for an amount not to exceed \$1,903,604.50 according to the terms discussed. Cripe Excavating is to be awarded the bid for the North Business Park DPUD Project for an amount not to exceed \$887,683.55, again, according to the terms as just stated. Brian seconded the motion. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried. Ken Jones added he will work with MACOG to get the contract approved by EDA. He expects to have EDA approval in two weeks.

Henry requested approval for Larry and Henry to sign the construction inspection services contracts with Wightman Petrie. EDA has already approved the contracts. Paul moved to name Henry and Larry as the designated representatives to execute the contracts with Wightman Petrie for professional services; Jeff seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against.

In other business, Jeremy Sponseller, Public Works Director, informed the council about a water issue. They are pumping too much extra water and have not been able to find a leak. Jeremy advised he spoke with M E Simpson Co. about leak detection; they have the equipment, machinery, and computers to find leaks. Jeremy explained if necessary, the entire town can be checked over a 5 day period for a cost of \$7,875.00. He added with the amount of water they are pumping, the cost will pay for itself soon. The cost is \$1,575.00 per day, with a two day minimum requested. Paul moved to approve hiring M E Simpson Co., if needed, at a cost not to exceed \$7,875.00; work is to be completed in five business days. Larry seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

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Jeremy introduced a letter from the DNR and IDEM about a water shortage warning. The letter encourages voluntary water conservation efforts and a reduction in usage of 10% to 15%. Jeremy stated he hopes the media will publish information about the water shortage warning.

Brian moved to adjourn the meeting; Paul seconded. Four voted for the motion; none against. The motion carried.

The Syracuse Town Council adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTEST:

Larry Siegel, President

Julie Kline, Clerk Treasurer