

MENAHGA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2013/6:00 P.M.

A Public Informational Meeting of the Menahga City Council was held in the Council Chambers on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Foss.

Also Present: Council Members Roger Henstorf, Kim Rasmussen, Alden Yliniemi, Mike Rogers, Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Char West, and Ulteig Engineering Engineer Chris Thorson.

Absent: None

The purpose of the Meeting was to review updated costs relating to the 2013 Street & Utilities Project based on the project bids received and answer any questions presented by the public.

Mr. Thorson reviewed the bids:

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| 1. Young Excavating, Inc | \$1,929,600.00 |
| 2. Sellin Brothers, Inc | \$1,989,582.65 |
| 3. Douglas-Kerr Underground LLC | \$2,018,674.45 |
| 4. RL Larson Excavating, Inc | \$2,040,938.30 |
| 5. Kuechle Underground Inc | \$2,107,872.45 |
| 6. Quam Construction Company, Inc | \$2,386,859.33 |

He recommended the low bid of \$1,929,600.00 from Young Excavating, Inc.

Mr. Thorson presented the Council and public with a handout reflecting the updated costs that included the low construction bid, engineering, contingencies and financing costs of the proposed Project;

- City's expense of the Street Reconstruction - \$950,000.
- Wadena County's expense of Street Reconstruction on Main Street and a one block section of Birch Ave. - \$118,000.
- Water system improvements - \$585,000.
- Sewer system improvements - \$460,000.
- City's expense of Trunk Sewer Main Replacement - \$67,000.
- City's expense of Bike Path/Lane - \$33,000.
- Pavement Improvements - \$145,000.

Total Project cost of \$2,358,000. The assessable portion of the Project that property owners adjacent to the improvements would be paying for were based on a 50/50 split with the City; the City would assume 100% of the cost for the Trunk Sewer Main and the Bike Lane/Path.

The Council and Mr. Thorson received and answered the following questions from those in attendance.

Mark Markkula, Project area property owner, commented that the sewer and water services to his building were located in the alley; he questioned what the assessment would be for his commercial lots as he had several 25' lots.

Mr. Thorson responded that as long as the property tax statement reflected the same property owner, the lots would be charged as one parcel and not each individual lot; the assessment rate would be the same for both a commercial and residential property.

Mr. Markkula questioned whether a camera had been placed into the sewer main to see what kind of shape it was in.

Mr. Thorson responded that several of the City sewer mains had previously been televised and pointed out that the Project was being done based on the age of the infrastructure.

Mr. Foss added that the infrastructure was 60 years old and the State lists the longevity to be 40 years; the City would like to complete the Project prior to problems occurring due to the age.

Discussion was held as to whether there was a water and sewer main located in the alleyway behind Mr. Markkula's commercial property; Mr. Thorson will further research.

Diane Pederson, Project area property owner, questioned whether residents would be required to replace their water and sewer line going from the street to the house or was that negotiable.

Mayor Foss responded that each property owner had to assess whether or not they wanted to replace their water and sewer line from the street to their home.

Mr. Thorson clarified that from the house to the property line, the property owner would be able to decide whether or not to replace the water and sewer line; from the property line to the main pipe in the street would be replaced.

Mike Sorenson, Project area property owner, questioned when construction on Main St. NE would begin and whether the sidewalk would be removed and replaced on the north side of that street.


Mr. Thorson responded that it would be after July 8th; the sidewalk, curb and gutter would only be removed and replaced for the purpose of trenching in the lines to the property line, unless it was in poor condition.

Jason Horton, Project area property owner, commented that he lived by the school parking lot and questioned whether his lot would be considered a corner lot.

Mr. Thorson responded that it would not be considered a corner lot.

Mayor Foss invited the public to visit with Mr. Thorson and the City staff to better understand the project.

Public Informational Meeting Adjourned at 6:34 p.m.



Charleen West, City Administrator



Pat Foss, Mayor