

MINUTES

2009 CONTRACTOR/DEVELOPER/ENGINEERS MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

8:00 – 11:00 MEETING

I. Opening Remarks by Larry Nelson, City Engineer

Busy capital improvement budget for 2009
waiting for fed stimulus package information
working with DOT & DNR to effect program
possible projects: Aberg Ave ped bridge; Monona Dr, ph 1; double money
to Madison planning Organization

II. Review minutes from August meeting

Ordinance passed that contractors need to be pre-qualified prior to bid opening. Ordinance includes appeal process. Bids are still open even if contractor is not pre-qualified.

III. Affirmative Action – Contract Compliance

Prevailing Wage: No items to address. State has issued corrected wage rates. AA can help verifying using correct wages.

Does State have tracking system for DBE truckers? Norman Davis to check with WISDOT representative.

Contractors asked for faxes or phone calls vs. letters on SBE issues.

It is ok to change SBE truckers from those that were originally submitted.

Facilities projects: There are additional subs available.

IV. Comments by City Water Utility

Value of work in 2009 will be similar to 2009. No facility work is projected.

V. Comments by City Traffic Engineering

Pavement marking and traffic signing need final landscaping completed. Street opening can't happen day landscaping is done as signs and pavement markings still need to occur.

Question asked on when days are no longer charged. Project needs to be substantially complete

VI. Warranty Work

Contractors will be contacted over the winter to review outstanding punchlists and schedule to complete in 2009.

VII. Contractor/Developer/Engineer Comments

Inlet fabric: When to remove? It should be removed when site is mulched. Inspectors should not pay for full item until fabric is removed. One suggestion was to have a bid item to install and a bid item to remove so general contractor could get paid to install and landscaper could get paid to remove once is restored.

Suggestion was made to have a sub-total for each account on proposal pages so errors can be found easier when checking. It was decided that less numbers (subtotals) will lead to less errors in tabulating bids.

Projects being bid: contractors don't like projects being delayed on short notice as some subs may have already submitted pricing. Don't like overlapping bid due dates. There was a concern of the amount of work on University Ave and getting equipment such as trucks in and out.

Crushed Aggregate Base Course needs to be tested to meet State DOT spec. City will be using DOT website to check status of sources. Proposed sources will be requested at the preconstruction meetings.

2009 Standard Specification Edition states that storm sewer pipe is to be paid for from center of structure to center of structure. Projects bid early will have follow this spec.

Projects let for remainder of 2009 will have a special bid item to return payment of storm pipe back to the method used in 2008 which is to pay from inside edge of structure to inside edge of structure.

Pipe chart and plan and profile will have lengths based on center to center. However, the proposal pages will have the lengths based on inside edge to inside edge.

Make sure to check special provisions because early contracts will still be paid center to center.

NEXT MEETING May 6, 2009