

**CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2011 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Public Works met in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 5:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Greg Hoffman, Director of Public Works Rick Rubenzer, Finance Manager Lynne Bauer, Council President CW King and Darrin Senn. Also in attendance: Representing Ayres Associates - Chris McMahon; and Alderpersons Jane Lardahl, Brian Flynn and Mike Hanke.

1. **MOTION** by Bauer; seconded by Rubenzer, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011 Board of Public Works meeting. All present voting aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Chris McMahon of Ayres and Associates presented the Final Alternative Analysis for the Spring Street Bridge Project. He also summarized Public Information Meeting #2, which was held on April 14, 2011. Alderperson Flynn indicated that his constituents were in favor of closing the existing bridge to vehicle traffic. Mr. McMahon indicated that of the five (5) alternatives studied, which left the existing bridge in place, only alternative #2B (*the preferred alternative to repair and stain the existing bridge and allow one-way vehicle traffic*) would include 80% WisDOT local bridge funding (\$168,000) and a 20% City of Chippewa Falls local match of \$42,000. The other four (4) “bridge in place” alternatives would require 100% City of Chippewa Falls funding, ranging from \$0 - \$295,000.00 in initial costs, and then from \$21,135.00 to \$31,620.00 in equivalent, uniform annual costs.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of leaving the bridge in place, and allowing one-way traffic only, but from either direction.

Director Rubenzer indicated that there were no “zero-cost” alternatives. He continued that, from an engineering standpoint, the bridge could and should continue carrying traffic, as that is what it was designed and constructed for, in 1916.

MOTION by King, seconded by Senn to recommend that the Common Council approve the preferred alternative #2B (Repair and stain the existing bridge and allow one-way westbound traffic), as the option to move forward with (see attachments). All present voting aye, **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. The Board members discussed the 2011 Concrete Patch bids and contract. Four (4) bids ranged from #13,323.75 to \$15,395.00, with the engineering estimate at \$13,615.00. Director Rubenzer indicated that the low bidder, Jaenke Concrete, had done good work for City residents in previous years concrete contracts.

MOTION by Senn, seconded by King to recommend the Common Council accept the \$13,323.75 low bid and award the 2011 Concrete Patch contract to Jaenke Concrete of Eau Claire, WI, upon approval of the contract and bid by City Attorney Ferg. All present voting aye, **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. The Board members discussed amending City Ordinance Chapter 1.17(1), by having a Common Council member serve on the Board of Public Works, instead of the Council President.

Director Rubenzer stated that the Common Council should continue to have voting member status on the Board of Public Works. The Board members discussed changing the start time and date of the Board of Public Works meetings.

It was agreed that the Board members would check their calendars for the Thursdays that follow the Common Council meetings, and look at a start time of 4PM or 5PM, then report back to the Board of Public Works. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

5. **MOTION by King**, seconded by Bauer, to adjourn. All present voting aye, **MOTION CARRIED.** Board of Public Works meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

Richard J. Rubenzer, P.E., Secretary
Board of Public Works