

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING
MAY 1, 2001
TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Bailey, Bob Bostic and John Pratt.

Bids were opened for street resurfacing from the following companies:

1. Milestone Inc. -- Columbus, In. -- \$207,627.67
2. Paul J. Rohe Co., Inc. -- Aurora, In. -- \$211,070.32
3. Dave O'Mara Inc. -- North Vernon, In. -- \$178,225.52

City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr., Kathy Crippen and Street Superintendent Ralph Land will review the bids to see that all specs are met and all necessary papers are filled out properly.

Motion by John Pratt and seconded by Bob Bostic to award bid for street resurfacing for year 2001 to the lowest bidder after reviewed and recommendation. So passed.

Street Superintendent Ralph Land told the Board the street sweeper is a 1989 and breaks down constantly. The sweeper gets used approximately 3 days a week when they can keep it working. It is hard to get some of the parts. Brown equipment had a 2000 Johnston demo and brought it down for the department to try. 1. Brown Equipment would sell the 2000 Demo for \$92,500 less \$12,000 trade in and one-year warranty. 2. Best Equipment quoted \$119,000 - \$125,000. 3. Deeds Equipment quoted \$138,800.

Motion by John Pratt and seconded by Bob Bostic to declare an emergency needed to replace the street sweeper and to purchase the 2000 Johnston demo from Brown Equipment for \$92,500 less \$12,000 trade-in and to approve the Mayor authority to secure a loan at the lowest rate after receiving quotes from three banks. So passed.

Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Smith told the Board of the need to replace the intermediate pump station sampler. The present sampler was purchased in 1988 and will no longer maintain temperature.

Jeff had a quote from 1. BL Anderson for \$2820 plus freight and 2. Gripp for \$3395.

Motion by Bob Bostic and seconded by John Pratt to purchase the sampler from BL Anderson for \$2820 plus freight. So passed.

Mayor stated he had talked with Mr. Joe Hall at Seymour and had called INDOT at the State level on repaving of Main Street, Ireland and North Michigan. Mr. Hall stated they are going to repave these streets and they are only going to repave the inter area of the streets instead of redoing the curb and all. They will stay 39" away from each curbside. Drainage on curbside on Main Street are really bad. Paving could start at any time. John Pratt ask to have information in the newspaper as soon as the City knows for sure when they are going to start paving. This way the people will know that it is not the City's fault as to how the streets will be repaved and how it will look.

John Pratt questioned about interviews for the Police officers. Do we have monies in the budget for training, uniforms and equipment after one quits after two weeks in training.

Herb Hunter Councilman stated he really feels we are not going to be able to keep adding personnel and supply cars for each.

Bob Bostic would like to see the new hires not be allowed their own car until at least after their one-year probationary period.

John Pratt feels a task force should be formed to review the whole process on the police department and hiring and what the city can supply.

City Attorney Frank I. Hamilton, Jr. is checking into this.

Darren Burkhardt of HNTB gave an updated progress report on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements and the Main Street Sewer Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Clerk-Treasurer had given the Mayor and Board of Works information and letter on the status of her Deputy's position/responsibilities and is requesting that a rank be added to compensate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER *Ray M. Bailey*

John N. Pratt
Board Member

Robert L. Bostic
Board Member

ATTEST:

L. Gene Rife
Clerk-Treasurer