

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WALLACE, IDAHO
February 7, 2024

Mayor Mogensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the council chamber.

Roll Call: Council members present: Rich Matrisciano, Elmer Mattila, Cindy Lien, Michele Bisconer and Dean Cooper. Council members absent: Rick Shaffer.

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Discuss bid results and how to proceed with the 6th St. Bridge project – Action Item

Bids were open. Apollo Construction was the apparent low bid for \$3,788,755.07. The bid is \$1,249,220.51 over the engineer estimate. The city now needs to come up with \$96,110.96. Megan Kautz from LHTAC attended the meeting telephonically. She stated that the \$96,110.96 is the final number after negotiations with HMH yesterday. The water district now owes \$21,900. Council member Bisconer stated the meeting was called so the city can figure out how to move forward. The clerk looked into using ARPA funds to cover the gap, but the funds cannot be used for this purpose. Council member Bisconer stated this additional expense is a hardship for the city and there will be additional expenses once the project starts. Discussion held on selling the temporary bridge once the project is complete. Mayor Mogensen asked Ms. Kautz when the \$96,110.96 is due. She stated ITD usually requests the funds toward the end of the project. The Mayor confirmed the city is not eligible for the free bridge project, since federal dollars have been put into this project, the city is not eligible. Discussion on where to get the funds and spreading the expense over two fiscal years. Council member Cooper gave background on the project. Council member Lien and Matrisciano were not on council when this project began. Council member Cooper went on to state the city does not have the money and he would like to look into other options for help. Council member Mattila stated we need to “bite the bullet” and move forward. Council member Lien asked what happens if the water district does not pay their portion? Ms. Kautz stated they would be taken out of the project. Council member Matrisciano asked why the bid was so far over the engineers estimate? Ms. Kautz stated this is due to the multiple phasing, crane work and temporary shoring. Further discussion on budget and length of the project. Ms. Kautz stated she is watching for any federal grants that can help the city. The project will begin in April and be completed in early 2025. Traffic will always flow with the use of the temp bridge. Council member Bisconer moved to commit to the \$96,110.96, when we have to, using the \$65,000 reserved for overage and taking the remaining \$31,000 from savings, not UDAG, and begin exploring other options to try to recoup some of that money for overages and allow LHTAC to move forward so we can get this project going, and accepting Apollo Constructions bid. Second by council member Mattila. Roll Call Vote. Matrisciano Aye; Mattila Aye; Lien Aye; Bisconer Aye and Cooper Nye. Carried.


Lynn Mogensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristina Larson
City Clerk/Treasurer