

**CITY OF MARSING
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Roll Call: Mayor James Ferdinand, Councilman Marie Herman, Councilman Jolyn Green and Councilman Chris Even were present. Staff members present were City Clerk/Treasurer Janice Bicandi, Deputy Clerk Kim Spagnolo, City Attorney Stephanie Bonney, and City Engineer Amy Woodruff. Councilman Tony Malmberg was absent.

Amy Woodruff reported three bids were received for the City Park restroom project: Challenger Companies, Inc. for \$44,560.00; Know-How Construction for \$52,432.00; and Star Construction for \$99,272.00. Woodruff asked the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award.

Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Marie Herman seconded to award the bid for the City Park restrooms to Challenger Companies, Inc. for the amount of \$44,560.00. Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Woodruff stated that two bids were received for the Bosma Lane Sidewalk project; Paul Construction for \$84,803.00; Hawkeye Builders for \$86,476.25. A floating start date was contracted with all work to be completed by July 31, 2018.

Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Marie Herman seconded to award the bid for the Bosma Lane Sidewalk project to Paul Construction for the amount of \$84,803.00. Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Woodruff said there two other projects that were out there. She discussed the water main project which will bore under State HWY 78 and will connect the treatment plant with a new 12-inch main running parallel with the HWY 78 in front of the school and will go all the way to the south limits. There are also several water line relocations that need to be done prior to ITD starting their project. Warrington Construction has been identified as a possible contractor that Civil Dynamics has worked with a lot. Stephanie Bonney said the City was going to sole source that. The City means puts an ad in the paper that says it declared it to be a sole source project. The public can protest if they want. After a couple of weeks, the City can then sole source it.

Mayor Ferdinand said the reason he called the meeting was to discuss the waterline on the bridge. He said he is having trouble spending \$550,000 of the City's water repair reserves to do this waterline. He wondered if it would be in the best interest of the city to deplete the reserves. The Mayor state that a final decision needed to be made.

This is something that is not needed right now. It is for future use. Other options are putting the waterline on at a later date. The hangers will still be there on the new bridge for the future,

supporting an 8-inch waterline. This could be revisited at later time somewhere down the line. Another option is that the City's infrastructure could be expanded on both sides of the bridge when needed.

Councilman Green said it was a liability that she didn't want to put on the citizens of Marsing. She asked if that putting the waterline on the bridge really what they wanted to do with \$500,000.00 at that time. It didn't make any sense to her to have the line just sit there and where the water couldn't be used. She stated there was not talk about developing in the impact area. Why would the City have a pipe that could potentially be taken away because the City couldn't service the area? There is no sewer service on the other side of the river, it would have to be septic.

There are four City wells that are currently on-line. Well #1 and Well #7 are old. Both of those wells have been rehabilitated. Well #8 and Well #9 produce 50 gallons per minute each. There is a 400,000-gallon reservoir plus the 40,000-storage reservoir. Historically the wells on the Canyon County side were the primary producers. EPA started revisiting arsenic and nitrates and said if Wells #4 and #5 are going to be used, an analysis needed to be done. Those are 300 gpm wells. Marsing Fire uses as well as contractors use those wells. Well #3 is over there and exceeds the maximum contaminate levels for arsenic. It hasn't been used since 2004. Woodruff said there are options, always alternatives.

Mayor Ferdinand said he didn't want to borrow money to do the project. He stated that Council needed to decide whether they wanted to go forward or to stop. He said the problem is that you can't see into the future and know what the options are going to be.

Bonney asked Woodruff what prompted the City to put the waterline in, in the first place.

Woodruff said that Well #4 and #5 were 200 – 300 gpm wells where the wells on this side of the river are 50 gpm wells. In 2004, the City upgraded their system. If Marsing's population increases, the City might look at what Glens Ferry did which was pulling water out of the river. What has been done in the past is drill wells right into the river aquifer into the riverbed. This is surface water and needs to be treated.

Councilman Chris Even said he agreed not proceed with placing the waterline on the bridge and didn't want to borrow money and add to the monthly water bills.

Mayor Ferdinand said there were other options; a waterline could be placed on the bridge at a later date or the City could bore under the river. He didn't think it was time to put the City in a financial bind.

Councilman Jolyn Green said she agreed also.

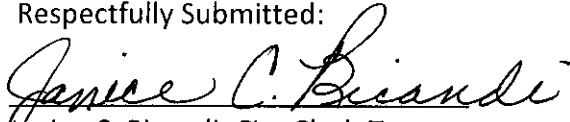
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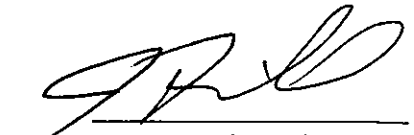
Councilman Chris Even moved and Jolyn Green seconded not to place the waterline on the bridge and paying ITD \$500,000. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried

Amy Woodruff said she would notify ITD in the morning about the City of Marsing's direction.

Councilman Jolyn Green moved and Marie Herman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. The Mayor asked all Councilmen in favor to say aye with all Councilmen present voting aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:


Janice C. Bicandi, City Clerk-Treasurer


James Ferdinand, Mayor

Date: April 11, 2018