

Special City Council Meeting
City Of Virden
City Council Chambers
Thursday July 24th, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Murphy at 6:30 PM

Alderspersons in attendance: Carter, Bertolino, Neighbors, Donley, Matrisch, Karrick and Calloway

Absent: Boster (Boster arrived at 6:34 PM)

Also in attendance: Mayor George Murphy, City Clerk Jon Myint and Stefanie Ballinger from Benton Engineering

Audience: None

Comments from Audience: None

Topics:

1. OPEN BIDS AND APPROVE AWARD OF BID FOR DEAN ST. PROJECT

Only one bid received: United Contractors Midwest (UCM)/Illinois Valley Paving.

Bid amount is \$295,796.57

Bid is about 3.33% above the engineer's estimate (\$286,276.50).

UCM can start immediately; contract needs processing with IDOT.

Cost also includes regular construction engineering and site supervision.

Project covers shoulder widening and pavement improvements.

Discussion addressing coordination with local businesses and residence for access, with the intention of minimizing disruptions.

Motion made by Bertolino seconded by Neighbors to approve the award of the bid for Dean Street project to UCM not to exceed \$295,796.57 to start as soon as possible.

Discussion Mayor Murphy wanted assurance from Benton Engineering that they have satisfactorily worked with UCM in the past.

Benton Engineering will be handling all aspects of the contract and IDOT specs. Additionally Benton will have someone on site each day (when work is going on). They will also ensure the Virden Director of Operations is kept up to date.

Benton will coordinate with the contractors and the businesses who may be impacted and ensure disruptions, if any, are kept to a minimum. Project covers the area just west of the bank parking lot and ends at the Hobson intersection. Project should take less than 30 days to complete.

Motion passed with all in favor

2. OPEN BIDS AND APPROVE AWARD OF BID FOR MTF ROCK AND OIL

Bid accepted from Louis Marsh Incorporated for \$73,163.40 (engineers estimate was \$82,367.00).

Bid was 11% under estimate; competitive pricing was noted.

Contractor is aware of the past issues with the weather and will reschedule if the site conditions become unsuitable.

Motion Made by Boster seconded by Carter to approve and award the bid from Lewis Marsh for rock and oil in the amount of \$73,163.40.

Discussion Historically, Louis Marsh has been receiving the rock and oil contract for some time.

To alleviate any problems like last year, the contractor will not proceed with the work if there is any moisture on the ground.

Motion passed

Yeas: Neighbors, Carter, Matrisch, Donley, Calloway, Karrick, and Boster

Nayes: Bertolino

3. OPEN BIDS AND APPROVE AWARD OF BIDS TO DEMOLISH 932 N SPRINGFIELD ST.

8 bids were received and considered for demolition.

Triple Crown had the lowest bid for \$9,945.

All bids accounted for asbestos as no official test was done.

Contractors will be treating material as if it contains asbestos.

Motion made by Karrick seconded by Bertolino to approve Triple Crown Rolloff's as the contractor awarded the bid to demolish 932 N Springfield St. haul it off and treat it as per bid sheet in the amount of \$9,945.00.

Discussion Once awarded the contractor will have 30 days to start then 15 days to complete as according to the bid sheet.

Bertolino stated of the 8 bids six were really good.

Motion Passed with all in favor

4. APPROVED PROPOSAL FROM PARKLAND ENVIRONMENTAL FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT 911 N NOBLE ST

Proposal from Parkland Environmental Group is for \$15,675.00.

Abatement is required before demolition to meet the grant and city compliance.

Discussion: on whether the city should seek more bids.

The decision to proceed is due to urgency and the price being reasonable.

Parkland Environmental will waive the testing fee.

Neighbors inquired about multiple bids for the asbestos abatement.

Mayor Murphy stated that under ISA Grant contract bidding for asbestos abatement is not required.

Motion made by Bertolino seconded by Matrisch to award the bid for asbestos abatement at 911 N Noble to Parkland Environmental Group not to exceed \$15,675.

Discussion Bertolino said that if multiple bids are requested, the bid process would have to start over again and he does not want to wait any longer.

Yeas: Calloway, Karrick, Bertolino, Donley, Matrisch, and Carter

Nayes: Neighbors and Boster

Motion passed

5. OPEN BIDS AND APPROVE AWARD OF BID TO DEMOLISH 911 N NOBLE

8 bids were received and considered for demolition (pending asbestos abatement completion)

Triple Crown had the lowest bid for \$8,900.00

Motion made by Boster seconded by Matrisch to award the bid to demolish 911 N Noble to Triple Crown Rolloffs in the amount of \$8,900.00, effective after the abatement is completed.

Discussion Bertolino would like email addresses added to the bid sheet, as this would make award notification easier for the administrative staff.

Motion passed with all in favor

Executive Session: None

Additional: None

Motion made by Matrisch seconded by Donley to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

Motion passed unanimously

Jonathan J. Myint
City Clerk

Date Approved: