

Date: April 17, 2020
To: Common Council
From: Alderman Bartels
Re: April 16, 2020 Commission Meeting Summary

The April Commission meeting was held via conference call.

- Approval was given for the final purchase of the parcel in the City of Franklin along the Root River to accommodate the return flow of water to the Great Lakes. This price was \$26,521 higher than the original approved purchase price due to the amount of land necessary to accommodate any future regulations related to the thermal discharge requirements. Final approved purchase price was \$606,000.
- Approval was given to extend our current contracts with our chemical providers, which normally expire on May 31 of each year. The commission agreed that, considering the current pandemic and its unknown status at the end of May, it was too risky to sever contracts with these providers next month. Vendors agreed to hold prices on six of the chemicals, though had to increase the price on two of them due to supplier issues.
- Policies were approved for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act Extended Sick Leave and Extended Family Leave Acts. The Commission also ratified the guidelines for working conditions and other HR issues as followed by other City Departments.
- A payment for \$21,316 to DF Tomasini for the emergency repair of a sewer break that resulted from repair of a January watermain break was approved. This cost has been submitted to our insurance carrier for possible coverage.
- Great Lakes Update: Three of the six contracts are out to bid for the project. The pre-bid meetings were held virtually on March 31st, April 14th and April 15th. There was high interest by numerous pre-qualified contractors. These bids will be opened May 14th and 15th and be presented to the Council for approval at the June 2 meeting. The remaining contracts will be bid in June (Watermain), August (Water Supply Pump Station) and January 2021 (Booster Station and Reservoirs). Work continues to obtain the necessary approvals for the reservoirs and booster station in missile Park. Postcards will be sent out to affected homeowners seeking input into the project. Permit updates for the location change are in progress and will be completed by the end of September.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for May 21 at 5:30.

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