

Fiscal Comments
Commission Meeting
January 14, 2024
Regular Meeting

Policy Report PWD No. 25-01

Consider Award of a Construction Services Contract with J.M. Fahey for Improvements on 4th Street from Rees Street to Poplar Street

KDOT Project No. 052 U-2509-01

Engineering Project No. 2023-027

Finance Project No. E2302

During the 2025 Operating and 2025 – 2029 CIP Budget process, the City Commission approved \$594,000 for the K7/US Highway 73 Surface Preservation – Rees to Poplar Street Project. This is a KLINK project, which will be partially funded by the State. The State's maximum contribution is 85% of costs or \$400,000, whichever is less; therefore, the City's budgeted portion of the project is \$194,000. To-date, \$83,134.20 has been expended on the project for planning and design.

The project was advertised for bid and the City received five (5) bids which were opened on December 12, 2024. J.M. Fahey submitted the lowest qualified bid at \$455,987.75. The City's portion of the contract will be 15% or \$68,398.16 bringing the City's total amount for the project to \$151,532.36.

Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the Mayor to sign a Construction Services Contract with J.M. Fahey for the improvements to K-7/4th Street from Rees Street to Poplar Street in the amount of \$455,987.75

Policy Report No. PWD No. 25-02

20th and Seneca Storm Repairs

Engineering Project No. 2024-017

Finance Project No. W2302

During the 2025 Operating and 2025 – 2029 CIP Budget process, the City Commission approved \$1,249,177 for various Orange Fence, Stream & Culvert Restoration, and Curb Inlet projects.

There has been an inlet wall failure at 20th & Seneca which led to the development of a small sinkhole. BG Consultants designed repairs to the inlet and the project specifications were published. The City opened seven (7) qualified bids on December 12, 2024. Linaweaver Construction Co. submitted the lowest qualified bid of \$135,465 which will be paid out of the Storm Water Capital Project Fund.

Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the Mayor to sign a Construction Services Contract with Linaweaver Construction for the 20th and Seneca Storm Repairs Project in the amount of \$135,465.

Policy Report No. 25-03

Water Pollution Control – 2025 Chemical Purchase

Bid No. #01WW-2025-01

During the 2025 Operating and 2025 – 2029 CIP Budget process, the City Commission approved \$100,000 for the purchase of chemicals for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Five (5) chemicals are used

for the treatment of wastewater. Specifications were published and the City received five (5) bids. The lowest qualified bids were:

Vendor	Chemical	Price per unit
PVS Technologies	Ferrous Chloride	\$1.665/lb.
Edwards Chemicals	Sodium Hypochlorite	\$3.42/gal
Edwards Chemicals	Sodium Hydroxide	\$.0335/lb.
Brenntag Mid-South	Hydrogen Peroxide	\$.30/lb.
Atlantic Coast Polymers	Polymer	\$2.64/lb.

The total cost for the bids, based on anticipated quantities, is \$88,790.10, but staff is requesting that the bids be approved for a total chemical cost not to exceed \$100,000 to account for possible changes in quantities.

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the chemical bids listed above, not to exceed \$100,000.

Policy Report No. 25-10

Consider Approval of Supplemental Design Services with Bartlett & West Engineers for the Vilas Street Sidewalk Improvements Project

Engineering Project No. 2022-997

Finance Project No. I2301

During the 2024 Operating and 2024 – 2028 CIP Budget process, the City Commission approved \$1,690,334 for the Vilas Street Project of which \$1,300,000 would be funded by grants and the remaining \$390,334 would be funded by the City.

The City received approval for a Transportation Alternatives grant in the amount of \$1,265,840. The total estimated cost of construction is \$1,582,300, so the City’s portion of the estimated construction costs is \$316,460. The City hired Bartlett & West to perform the engineering work for the project for the amount of \$198,666. The City Commission then approved Supplemental Services Agreement #1 with Bartlett & West in the amounts of \$40,158 that would decrease the number of retaining walls required and reduce the cost of construction. After Supplemental Services Agreement #1 was approved, staff requested a redesign of the project that would extend the sanitary sewer across Vilas to the north for future connections on the north side of the road. The cost associated with Supplemental Services Agreement #2 is \$9,676.

At this time, City staff is requesting approval for a third supplemental services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$25,605 in order to do a redesign that will avoid the need for the condemnation of property. This would bring the total cost of engineering services to \$274,105 and the City’s total cost of the project to \$590,565, which is \$200,231 over the approved budget for the project.

The additional cost of the project will be covered by the Grant Matching Fund, reducing the amount available for future projects. In 2024 \$1,000,000 was approved for a transfer from the General Fund to the Grant Matching Fund. As of the end of 2024, \$525,361.82 has been transferred from the General Fund to the Grant Matching Fund, therefore, there are funds available to be transferred to cover this project.

Staff recommends approval of the additional design services with Bartlett & West for Supplemental Service Agreements No. 2 and No. 3 for the engineering work for the Vilas Street ADA and Sidewalk Upgrades Project in an amount not to exceed \$35,281.

Policy Report No. 25-12

Consider Approval of Supplemental Design Services with Wilson & Company for the Downtown ADA Intersection Ramp Project

Engineering Project No. 2023-025

Finance Project No. I2202

During the 2024 Operating and 2024 – 2028 CIP Budget process, the City Commission approved \$475,000 for the Downtown Intersection Ramp Project of which \$380,000 would be funded by grants and the remaining \$95,000 would be funded by the City.

The City was awarded a KDOT grant in the amount of \$629,750 for construction costs, with no matching requirements. The City does have to pay for design and engineering costs. The City hired Wilson & Company for the amount of \$39,750 for the design of the project. In order to receive the funding, the design must be updated to meet KDOT standards. Therefore, this request is for supplemental design services in the amount of \$30,000. The total design and engineering cost of \$69,750 comes in under the amount budgeted for the project.

Staff recommends approval of the supplemental design services agreement #1 with Wilson & Company for the Downtown ADA intersection Ramp Project in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.