

Town of Encampment
Special Meeting
June 30, 2022
7:00 p.m.

The Town of Encampment met in special session at the Encampment Town Hall on Thursday June 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Greg Salisbury presiding. Council present were Stas Banach, Shannon Fagan-Craig and Gary Stull. Town personnel present were Doreen Harvey, Clerk/Treasurer. Also present was Jon Nelson of North Fork Engineering.

Lagoon Project Bid Award- Notice to Proceed: Engineer Jon Nelson provided the council with a copy of the bid tabulation and a copy of two draft letters to the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments. He noted that Bids were from J.R. Civil, LLC out of Sheridan, Wyoming at a base bid of \$2,173,146.00 with a bid for alternate "B" only at \$97,280.00. The other bid was from Aslan Construction, Inc. out of Berthoud, Colorado at a base bid of \$2,555,462.00 with no alternates bid. The engineers estimate for the project was \$998,800.00. Based on the bid amounts exceeding the available funding for the project he made the recommendation to the council to deny all bids. Stull moved deny all bids, Fagan seconded and the motion was passed.

Nelson noted that he had also spoke with SLIB and DEQ to tell them about the excessive bids and to ask about next steps. During the conversation it was mentioned that there will be some ARPA funding available soon at that the project might be a good candidate for a grant for the excess. The project would have to be re-bid. He noted that he advised the contractors that they were all over the available project funding and tried to determine why they were so excessive. There were big variations in line-item costs. He noted that he had spoken with the contractors trying to be pragmatic about the excess and to do value engineering. The contractors indicated that nothing came to mind where they would bid differently.

Discussion ensued about the future of the project and funding possibilities. Nelson noted that an application for ARPA funding could be submitted as quickly as we could, if the council was interested. He noted that there is no guarantee that putting the project off for another year would bring any different result. He presented a draft letter to SLIB requesting assistance in initiating an ARPA grant application. He noted that since our project was ready to go, we might have a good chance. ARPA funding would not cost the town anything if approved.

The council discussed the excessive costs. Councilman Stull noted that he wanted to see the project completed, but not at that high cost. He indicated he was open to working with SLIB if there was a possibility to increase funding. Nelson noted that the current principal forgiveness loan had a 25% match requirement. If we increased that loan, we would also be increasing our match, which would be out of our pocket. Nelson noted that the ARPA funding would be at no cost to the town. Mayor Salisbury gave an adamant "no" to an application for additional funding, stating that the project was extremely overpriced to start with. Councilman Banach noted that the council should at least discuss it and stated that he did not want to go into debt over it. He also noted that he did not like it and that it looked like the contractors knew the market and padded their bids. Again, the question came up if the results would be any better at a later date.

Different sections of the project were discussed. Nelson noted that he was as upset at the bids as the council was and that he accepts the council's decision to deny all bids. He reiterated that the project would need to be rebid if additional funding were found, but that there was no guarantee that the

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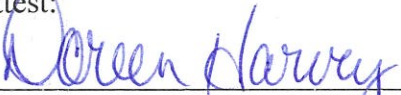
result would be any different. The council agreed that they would discuss the future of the project again at the July 14th Council meeting.

With no further business, Banach moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., Stull seconded and the motion was passed.


Doreen Harvey, CMC
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: July 14, 2022

Attest:



Doreen Harvey, CMC, Clerk/Treasurer



Greg Salisbury, Mayor