

The Conrad City Council met in a special council meeting on 01-28-20 in the Council Chambers. Officials present were Council Members John Dinsmore, Todd Schnathorst and Lindsay Kuhl. Peg Brown called in. Diane Miller was absent. Also in attendance: Lori Stansberry, City Administrator/Clerk; Nick Kitzman, Public Works; Matt Garber and Luke Wilson, Clapsaddle Garber Associates (CGA); Pat Neuroth and Jeff Beeghly representing the Oakwood Golf Course board of directors; Brian Ladehoff, Ladehoff Landscaping; Brad Iverson and John and Jeannie Ehn. Mayor Jeff Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Matt Garber from CGA explained why the contractor could not use the dirt head and would need to use the rock head to bore under the golf course. This change would cost the city approximately \$167,000 more than the original contract that was approved using the dirt head. Kitzman and Stansberry had talked to the subcontractors at the end of December since the project was at a standstill. Kitzman explained how the process for boring with the rock head would work. The subcontractor explained to them he would need to bring equipment onto the course to do the rock bore. The equipment would probably disturb the property more than if they would just open cut across the fairway.

Garber explained the contractor is still here finishing up the portion up to the Oakwood Golf Course parking lot. The contractor would rather continue now since the weather is good; whereas in the spring the ground would be soft. If the weather would stay reasonable the City could chlorate and pressure test the new pipe and the water line could go active yet this winter/early spring. Garber also explained the impact on the cart paths.

Members of the golf course verbalized their concerns in regards to the underground sprinkler system, cart paths and the final landscaping. They were concerned the digging would harm the sprinkler system and there would be mounds of dirt in the middle of the course. They also said one of the cart paths was new. Martin explained that the City was going to have Ladehoff Landscaping do the final landscaping and seeding for the land that is impacted between the Ehn and Iverson property. Council committed to having Ladehoff also do the final landscaping for the golf course also. Council also committed to having the company that fixes the sprinkler system on site while the trench is open so everything can be repaired if needed. In addition, they would contact a local contractor to re-install the cart paths.

Garber explained that the actual trench would be between 8 to 10 feet wide but the actual disturbance in areas could expand up to 50 feet wide. Garber has already been talking to the contractors on ways that could minimize the ground disturbance. Ladehoff explained about settlement of dirt around the pipe and requested the contractor do the impaction grading around the pipe. He would do the fine grading and seed with the same type of the course currently uses. His opinion was asked in regards to putting down sod. He explained it is harder to match up the current grass and that sod was 90% bluegrass. You would definitely see where the new sod was placed in comparison to the rest of the grass. Garber and Ladehoff also said hydro-mulch over the seed instead of straw. This will help with the seeding and erosion control. The City or Ladehoff will also do all of the watering.

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Beeghly voiced his concerns in regards to future settling of the ground in future years, mounds of dirt and the possibility of loss revenues. Schnathorst asked Beeghly what he was wanting from the City. No definitive answer was given.

Martin asked if there were any more questions from the council or the representatives in the audience. Having none, he asked for a motion to approve resolution #4 to Vieth Construction which would open cut across the golf course versus using a dirt head to bore across the fairway. This would decrease the contract by \$19,300.10 which would be used toward the work done by the local contractors. Schnathorst made a motion to approve the resolution which was seconded by Dinsmore. Motion was approved 4-0.

Schnathorst made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Kuhl. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 pm.

Jeff Martin, Mayor

Lori Stansberry, Administrator/Clerk