



## Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 17, 2025 Staff Responses to Council Questions

Before each Committee of the Whole, questions that have been posed by the City Council relating to the agenda for that evening will be posted to the City's website.

Below are the responses to this week's questions.

### 3. Items of Business

#### **a. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Contract with Geneva Construction Co. for the 2025 Street Improvements Program with a 10% Contingency in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,649,186.54.**

Q: Were the missed completion dates avoidable on last year's contract with Geneva Construction Company?

A: Yes. The preconstruction meeting took place on June 8, and the contractor did not begin any work until July 17. There was another break in work until Aug. 6 when the work truly began in earnest. This equates to a nine-week gap in work and a project that went three weeks past the completion date.

Q: Does this impact their status as a responsible bidder?

A: No, liquidated damages are defined in the IDOT Standards Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction in section 108 (as a calendar day project) however, the delay in the project resulted in unnecessary traffic delays and safety concerns in and around the work zones.

Q: What assurances has Geneva Construction provided that this won't happen again?

A: The current bid specifications outline milestone dates that need to be achieved. The contractor did not raise any concerns or exceptions to the bid documents. These milestone dates are the only assurances the City will have to ensure timely completion of the project.

Q: Is there a dedicated budget for sidewalk improvements?

A: Yes, there is \$100,000 budgeted specifically for sidewalk repairs.

Q: What do the various colors on the bid tabulation mean?

A: The colors represent unit prices that are funded through various sub-project budgets.

Q: How much is the break out for improvements to special service area (SSA) drainage facilities?

A: SSA drainage improvements total \$69,400 plus restoration to be determined upon completion.

**b. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into a Professional Services Agreement with CDM Smith for an Industrial Waste Treatment Study in an Amount Not to Exceed \$40,000.**

Q: Has the City done a similar study previously?

A: In 2010, a study was performed that provided the surcharge rates currently in place for Suspended Solids, 5Day Biological Oxygen Demand (5DayBOD), and Ammonia Nitrogen.

Q: Will the study contemplate additional upcoming light industrial developments (knowing that use may be speculative)?

A: The current industrial loading capacity for the plant has utilized all previously available excess loading capacity. The study will provide the current cost to treat Suspended Solids, 5DayBOD, & Ammonia Nitrogen and the surcharge rates that should be placed on industrial users. The study will also determine if a maximum discharge limit should be placed on Suspended Solids, 5DayBOD, & Ammonia Nitrogen in lieu of, or in combination of, surcharges. The study is envisioned to result in a surcharge rate that would compel industrial dischargers to alter processes or add pretreatment.