

**City of St. Clair  
City Council Special Meeting  
July 10, 2008**

**Mayor Blum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Office Assistant, Dani Thacker called the roll. Present were: Mayor Blum, Administrator Arndt, Alderman Davis, Alderman Marrocco, Alderman Pierce, Alderman Counts.

Attorney Voss was absent.

**Old Business:**

**1. Main Street Project- Mayor Blum opened sealed bids for the Main Street Project with the Board's approval.**

1<sup>st</sup> Bid Opened: RV Wagner, Inc.-St. Louis, MO

Base Bid	\$815,748.54
Alternate 1- Street Clock	\$827,628.54
Alternate 2-Change Message Boards Quantity of 2	\$862,028.54
Alternate 3- 4" Pavement Marking (12,850 feet)	\$873,079.54

2<sup>nd</sup> Bid Opened: Kozney Wagner-Arnold, MO

Base Bid:	\$847,123.80
Alternate 1- Street Clock	\$858,123.80
Alternate 2- Change Message Boards	\$895,563.80
Alternate 3- 4" Pavement Marking	\$898,076.80

3<sup>rd</sup> Bid Opened: West Contracting-St. Louis, MO

Base Bid:	\$926,718.85
Alternate 1-Street Clock	\$943,918.85
Alternate 2- Change Message Boards	\$988,918.85
Alternate 3-4" Pavement Marking	\$992,773.85

Mayor Blum stated that three bids were received for the project and all three have been opened. Mayor Blum asked for discussion from the board. Alderman Counts asked if bids for Alternate 2 included the base price, plus the street clock, and the message boards. Mayor Blum stated that is correct the price includes everything as you go down the alternates. Mayor Blum recommended to the Board that Cochran Engineering review the bids, qualify the bids, and present bids back to the Board in a timely manner so the City can proceed with the project. Administrator Arndt asked Dave Christensen from Cochran Engineering how long that process will take. Dave Christensen stated he has worked with RV Wagner and considers him reputable and his bid does come in the lowest. Mayor Blum asked Dave Christensen if he was comfortable with RV Wagner. Christensen stated he was comfortable with all the contractors. Dave Christensen recommended not making a decision tonight. Christensen stated he would look over all the bids and call the estimators and make sure everyone is on the same page. Christensen stated the City could award this at the next Board

Meeting or schedule a special meeting if necessary. Mayor Blum stated the next Board Meeting is scheduled, Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Administrator Arndt stated we would like to make a decision before that if possible. Dave Christensen stated he would be able to have a decision by Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Christensen stated to have a Special Meeting to award the contract and prepare the ordinance to send to the state. The project will not be held up by the City, but the process by the state to allocate the funds will place the project on hold. Dave Christensen stated the signed contract and ordinance may not be needed by the state of Missouri to get the project going. Dave Christensen stated he would talk to Tom and see if a letter would be sufficient to the State to allocate the funds needed for the project. A tentative Special Meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to award the Main Street Project if necessary.

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Springfield Improvement Project-Mayor Blum introduced Dave Christensen from Cochran Engineering presenting the Springfield Project.**

Christensen explained the federal funds would come from SAFETEAU-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act-Legacy for Users). The grant funds are funneled down from Washington D.C. to the states. MODOT receives the funds and distributes to metropolitan planning organizations. Franklin County is in the East-West Gateway Jurisdiction and needs to compete with Jefferson County, St. Charles County, St. Louis County, and St. Louis City. The funds would be used to repave Springfield Road from Main Street to the City limits. The grant would be an 80/20 reimbursement project, with the City responsible for 20 percent of the cost. Christensen stated the application is based on points based on resurfacing, ADA ramps, sidewalks, lighting/stripping, activity/business district, accident rate, and service population. The grant application is due in March 2009. Christensen estimated receiving word on the grant application in July 2009. Then next step is the design process. The City will send in the preliminary plans to MODOT and goes through several review processes if changes are required. Christensen said the MODOT approval would likely come in the winter of 2010. We could open bids in the winter and begin construction as soon as the summer of 2011. Christensen estimated the cost of the paving project, including street paving, sidewalks and curbs at \$724,059. He added he tried to leave room in the budget for future increases in materials and labor. The city also plans to improve its water and sewer lines on Springfield Road. It would be cost effective to do it all at once, instead of digging up the street twice. The city would be solely responsible for the water and sewer costs. Christensen estimated those costs at \$346,500. Christensen stated there would be savings involved in having one contractor on-site to do all the work, rather than bringing in two companies at two different times. Including the water and sewer costs, plus its 20 percent of the paving project, the total cost to the city is \$636,675. Administrator Arndt asked if the water and sewer costs included service lines connecting to the main line. Christensen stated that yes the repairs are included in the estimate. The total project is projected to cost \$1,370,734.

The plan includes curbs and gutters along the length of Springfield Road and 6-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the road. The sidewalks will include ramps that meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The existing sidewalks are too narrow for wheelchairs to navigate safely, and several utility poles are mounted in the sidewalks, further narrowing the available walking space. Cochran is to receive a \$5,000 application fee once the grant forms are submitted to East-West Gateway in March 2009. The fee is refunded if the grant is not approved. The city also will have a \$3,600 grant application fee due to East-West Gateway. Administrator Arndt asked if the East-West Gateway application fee is due in March also. Christensen stated it is and that amount was calculated at ½% rate of the full amount requested on the grant application. The East-West Gateway application fee is also refunded if the grant is not approved. Alderman Marrocco noted that two schools and churches on Springfield created high pedestrian traffic and asked if that would help the application process. Christensen stated that will be one of the items outlined on the application and pictures also will be sent. Alderman Pierce asked if both sides of Springfield will be completed at the same time. Christensen stated that yes that it would be done as one project. Administrator Arndt asked if it was possible to change the start date from 2012 to 2011 on the application. Christensen stated yes that the application allows for one schedule change.

**Mayor Blum called for a motion to accept the proposal from Cochran Engineering on the East-West Springfield Project. Alderman Pierce made a motion to accept the proposal for the East-West Springfield Project. Alderman Davis provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Mayor and Board members:** Alderman Counts asked if the Main Street Project and Springfield Project will be running at the same time. Christensen stated that the Main Street Project will be completed before the application process for the Springfield Project starts. The Main Street Project will be completed by November 2008. Mayor Blum asked if the concern about a 60 day completion was relayed to the contractors providing estimates for the Main Street Project. Christensen stated, yes it was to be laid out in the estimates.

Larry Clark stated he is a subcontractor with RV Wagner for the Main Street Project. He stated that the light posts cost \$4000.00 each that was requested in the plans and the lights around the Gazebo were \$1,000.00 each. Clark believes that a less expensive fixture could be used saving the City money and the replacement costs if they were damaged. Administrator Arndt was concerned with ethical issues of Clark being involved in the Main Street Project since he was an alderman when the Main Street Project was being discussed. Administrator Arndt stated that there may not be a problem, but wanted to check with City Attorney Voss.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Blum called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. **Alderman Davis made the motion and the second was provided by Alderman Pierce. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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Ron Blum, Mayor

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James Arndt, Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

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Chris Fawe, City Clerk