

SPECIAL MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL  
December 16, 2024

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on December 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., with the following present: Council members Dane Coughlin (via speaker phone), Bret Jensen, Pam Spader, President Lowell Hansen, George Cavanaugh, Dustin Mc Cune, Finance Officer Tracey Larson, and City Attorney Todd Wilkinson. Mayor Gary Wolkow arrived later during the meeting. Absent: none.

President Hansen called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**MAIN STREET PROJECT:** Karen Schaefers and Kevin Goff, Engineers for IMEG met with the council to present information obtained when contacting many references on the low bid contractor for the Main Street Project. The comments received were positive and the other project engineers/managers would work with the lowest bidding contractor again.

Engineer Schaefers presented a letter with the recommendation of installing 6" thick concrete sidewalks, and contracting with the lowest bidder Halme, Inc. without Alternate E. in the amount of \$5,314,583.05.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion was made by McCune, seconded by Spader, to approve going into executive session at 5:08 to discuss contracts, all voting aye, motion carried. President Hansen declared the council out of executive session at 5:30 pm.

**MAIN STREET PROJECT CONTRACT:** Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by McCune, to approve hiring Halme, Inc. to accept the Main Street Base Project bid with 6" thick concrete sidewalks, including Alternates A, B, and C, and not accepting Alternate E, in the amount of \$5,314,583.05, all voting aye, motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mayor Wolkow arrived at this time. Motion was made by Jensen, seconded by Spader, to approve going into executive session at 5:35 pm to discuss personnel, all voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Wolkow declared the council out of executive session at 5:51 pm.

**PERSONNEL:** Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by McCune, to approve giving the full-time employees a stipend in the amount of \$1,500.00 and part-time employees \$750.00, all voting aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on motion by Hansen.

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Gary Wolkow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracey Larson, Finance Officer

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