

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

June 3, 2009
09:05–9:30 am
140 West Pine Street

Members Present: Marilyn Marler (chair), Pam Walzer, Ed Childers, Dave Strohmaier, Bob Jaffe, John Hendrickson, Dick Haines, Renee Mitchell, and Jason Wiener

Members Absent: Stacy Rye, Jon Wilkins

Others Present: Donna Gaukler

I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Approve minutes.

Minutes of May 6 were approved as submitted.

II. FINAL CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. Reject all bids and return all bid bonds for the furnishings of all labor, equipment and materials for Fort Missoula Regional Park Rough Grading and Overburden Removal – Phase One, Project 09-04FMRP ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 06/01/09)

MOTION: The Committee recommends the City Council reject all bids and return all bid bonds for the furnishings of all labor, equipment and materials for Fort Missoula Regional Park Rough grading and Overburden Removal, Phase One, Project 09-04FMRP.

This project consists of stripping and stockpiling topsoil, and large rocks, rough grading, earth moving, landscape contouring and removal of excess granular materials. It was anticipated that the value of the excess materials would exceed the value of the work included in the contract. The project was advertised to bid on April 26 and May 3 of 2009. Plans were also available for review at the Parks & recreation offices. Bids were open on May 19, 2009 at 3:00 pm in the Mayor's Conference room.

Only two qualified bids were received and read. Knife River was the apparent low bidder with a base bid of 50,302.85 and LS Jensen submitted a base bid of \$111,322.50. Both bids were above the anticipated budget for this project. Staff recommends the bids be rejected and bid bonds returned.

In preliminary discussions it was anticipated the City would actually see a net gain of \$20,000. However for whatever reason the two companies are not in need of any gravel at this time. The construction documents can be used later and staff will investigate having the College of Technology do the rough grading of the soccer fields. The gravel could possibly be sold later separately. The cost to lower the power line by North West Energy is \$25,000.

Staff will also explore the possibility of the City's ability to use the gravel. The expected gravel value was estimated at \$1.00 per cubic foot. The best bid was at \$.35 a cubic yard.

After a brief discussion it was moved to reject the bids and return the bid bonds. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

IV. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

V. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VI. HELD AND ONGOING AGENDA ITEMS - PER COMMITTEE CHAIR – Marilyn Marler

A. Discuss the ownership, licensing and permitting for Brennan's Wave ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)

B. Approve construction contracts for Phase 1 of White Pine Park Construction ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Donna Gaukler) (Referred to committee: 02/09/09)

C. A policy statement for enhanced forest practices ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Marilyn Marler and Ben Schmidt) (Referred to committee: 02/23/09)

D. Goal setting with Greenhouse Gas and Energy Conservation Team ([memo](#)).—Regular Agenda (Pam Walzer) (Referred to committee: 09/08/08)

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.